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RSVP Phantom™ Head M a n u a l

Radiosurgery Verification Phantom

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This product is intended for use by medical physicists with training in radiation therapy. A medical physicist must design and supervise the actual tests performed with this phantom. This manual does not provide information regarding applications of the product only information regarding the product functions.

WARNING

This product has an FH3-4 mm/min flame rating and is considered to be flammable. It is advised not to expose this product to open flame or high temperature (over 125° Celsius or 250° Fahrenheit) heating elements.

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RSVP Pelvis™ Manual

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Indications for Use

The RSVP Phantom™ Head is designed for use in a variety of radiosurgery applications including, final quality verification of therapy dose delivery and for comparing the delivered dose profiles for different treatment plans. It is also used for periodic quality assurance evaluations and acceptance testing and to perform re-evaluations after equipment or software upgrades.

Introduction

The Phantom Laboratory, Incorporated and physicist Charles W. Coffey, II, Ph.D. have developed the RSVP Phantom™ Head to provide localization and dose verification for radiosurgery systems.

A variety of techniques may be used to measure the radiation dose delivered to the tumor vessel. Quantitative dose measurements may also be obtained by using commercially available probes and ionization chambers.

Because each medical facility has its own unique set of requirements, we do not make specific recommendations on the frequency and expected results of evaluations. When developing your measurement protocols, review the local governing regulations, the needs of your radiologists, oncologists, physicists, and your system manufacturer's recommendations.

If you have questions about the operation of the RSVP Phantom™ Head or the optional equipment that is available for the phantom, please contact The Phantom Laboratory at the following address:

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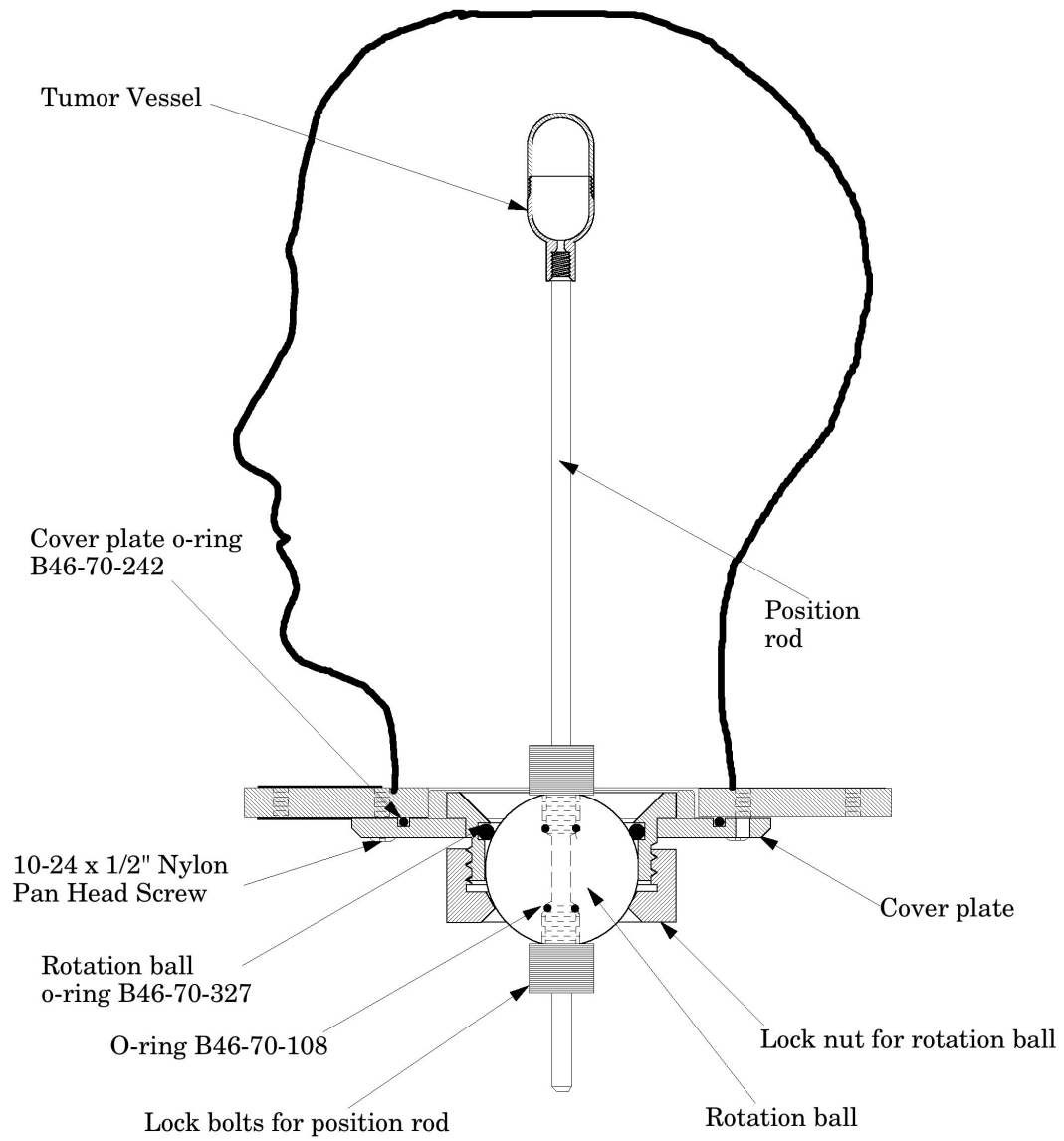


Figure 1. Cross section view of the RSVP Phantom™ Head

Care of the Phantom

The shell of the RSVP Phantom™ is composed of 0.25-inch-thick cellulose acetate butyrate (CAB), a transparent plastic chosen for its strength and low water absorption. The shell is mounted on a durable polycarbonate end plate, which is attached to a cover plate and an assembly that allows the tumor port to be rotated. The head frame of your radiosurgery system may be screwed directly into the CAB plastic. To avoid unnecessary wear on the phantom shell, be careful not to overtighten the head frame screws. In normal use, the screws may cause small dimples to form in the CAB plastic.

The RSVP Phantom™ is designed to be filled with water. Please refer to the Chemical Compatibility Chart on pages 8-13 of this manual prior to use. You should never allow a filled phantom to freeze. If water is left in the phantom for an extended period of time, bacteria and other microorganisms may begin to grow and cause the water to become cloudy. If clouding occurs, the phantom should be emptied and washed with a mild detergent and water. Before storing empty all water from the phantom.

The tumor rotation ball assembly is located on the base of the phantom. The ball assembly may be extracted from the phantom by simply removing its lock nut and then lifting the ball out of the assembly. The O-ring that lies under the rotation ball should sit evenly on the lip surrounding the opening that leads into the main body of the phantom. The application of a small amount of petroleum jelly to the O-ring will help ensure that the rotation ball forms a tight seal on the ring. Be careful not to apply too much jelly to the O-ring, because excessive lubrication may cause the ring to slip out of position when the lock nut is tightened. Always remember to loosen the rotation ball lock nut before rotating the tumor ball. If the rotation ball is turned when the nut is tight, the O-ring will be twisted out of position, thereby preventing a proper seal.

Removing the Tumor Vessel and Filling the Phantom

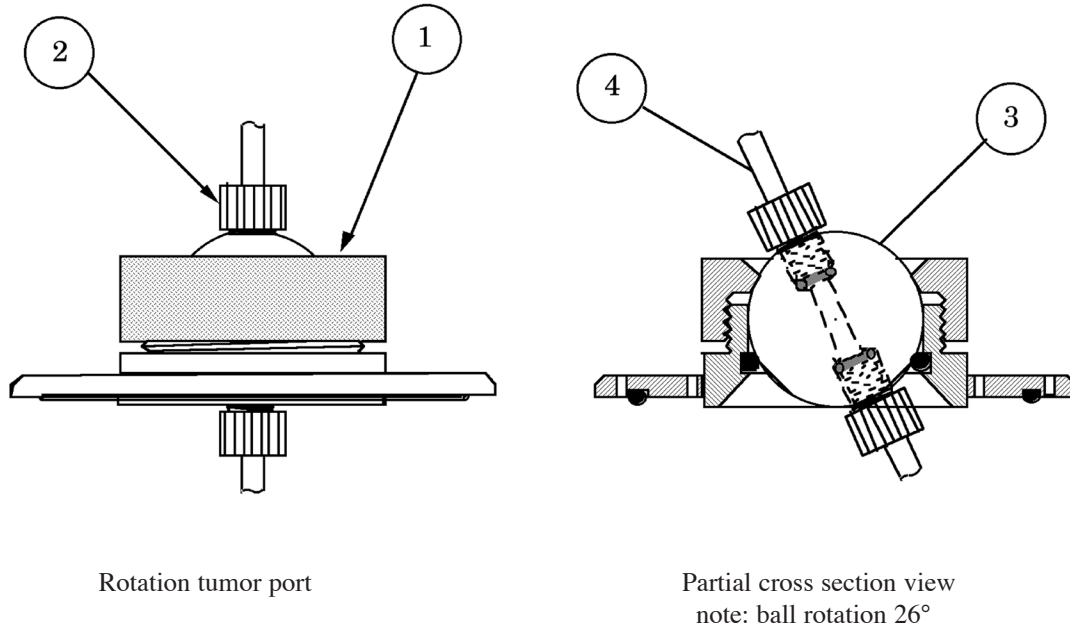


Figure 2. The rotation ball port

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| 1. Lock nut for rotation ball | 2. Lock bolt for position rod |
| 3. Rotation ball | 4. Position rod |

Tumor removal

To remove the tumor vessel, the phantom's case should be used to secure the phantom in an inverted position. Begin by removing the rotation ball lock nut. Once this is accomplished, the rotation ball, position rod, and tumor vessel can be lifted out of the phantom as a complete assembly.

Tumor positioning and filling the head

The following steps are used to place the rotation ball, position rod and tumor vessel into the empty head form. First, position the rotation ball assembly and tumor vessel (or dosimeter) within the head form. Next, loosen the lock bolts on the position rod to insert it through the rotation ball until the rod extends the desired distance into the head form. Tighten the lock bolts when the rod is in the proper position.

Once you have completed the necessary adjustments to the ball, rod, and tumor vessel, remove the intact assembly from the head form and fill the phantom with water. Next, insert the assembly back into the head form and fit the rotation ball lock nut loosely onto the phantom. Rotate the ball until the tumor vessel (or dosimeter) is in the desired position, and tighten the rotation ball lock nut.

Check for leaks by placing the phantom in the face-up position shown in Figure 1. Small leaks can generally be stopped by tightening the rotation ball lock nut and position rod lock bolt. If you are unable to stop leakage from the rotation ball port, it may be necessary to disassemble the port and check the O-rings to ensure that they are properly seated.

Once the assembly is in the proper position and the phantom is leak-free, you may attach the head frame to the phantom in preparation for scanning.

Chemical Compatibility Chart

Reagent Chemicals	Time Exposed	Percent Increase		Observed Condition of Plastic
		Weight	Thickness	
Acids				
Acetic, 5%	1 year	3.6	2.1	Slightly softened
Acetic, 10%	2 months	5.2	2.4	Slightly softened
•Acetic, 30%	2 months	13.6	8.6	Softened and swollen
Boric, 5%	2 days	1.3	0.0	Unchanged
Chromic, 6%	8 days (38°C, 100°F)	2.0	0.1	Slightly stained
Citric, 10%	4 months (60°C, 140°F)	1.6	0.8	Slightly softened
Citric, 10%	1 year	1.4	0.6	Unchanged
•Citric, 60%	4 months (60°C, 140°F)	—	—	Surface attacked
Fluosilicic, 10%	2 months	4.5	1.2	Unchanged
Fluosilicic, 28%	2 months	4.7	3.6	Unchanged
Formic, 3%	20 days	—	—	Unchanged
Hydrochloric, 10%	1 year	0.9	0.5	Surface slightly attacked
•Hydrofluoric, 10%	1 month	10.3	5.5	Slightly swollen and softened
•Hydrofluoric, 48%		—	—	Dissolved
Lactic, 50%	2 days	1.6	0.5	Unchanged
•Nitric, 10%	8 months	—	—	Decomposed
Oleic	1 year	2.3	1.5	Unchanged
Phosphoric, 30%	2 months	1.3	0.8	Unchanged
Phosphoric, 50%	2 months	1.6	0.8	Unchanged
•Phosphoric, 75%	2 months	—	—	Partially decomposed
Pyrogallic, 4%	1 week	2.6	1.1	Stained yellow
Stearic	1 week	—	—	Unchanged
Sulfuric, 3%	1 year	1.6	1.0	Slightly discolored
Sulfuric, 10%	1 year	1.5	0.7	Slightly discolored
•Sulfuric, 20%	1 year	0.9	0.3	Slightly softened, surface
attacked •Sulfuric, 30%	1 year	0.4	0.3	Surface attacked
•Sulfuric, 94%		—	—	Disintegrated
Tannic, 10%	4 months (38°C, 100°F)	2.8	1.2	Unchanged
Trichloroacetic, 1%	1 month	3.3	0.5	Unchanged
•Trichloroacetic, 5%	1 month	9.3	3.1	Softened
Alcohols, Monohydric				
n-Amyl	2 days	3.1	3.0	Unchanged
•tert-Amyl	2 days	14.0	11.3	Softened, tacky
•n-Butyl	2 days	6.5	7.2	Swollen
•sec-Butyl	2 days	7.2	10.7	Swollen
•tert-Butyl	2 days	3.6	3.3	Slightly softened
•Diacetone		—	—	Dissolved
•Ethyl (denatured)	2 days	23.0	24.7	Softened
•Ethyl, 50%	1 week	13.4	11.6	Softened
•2-Ethylhexyl	1 week	—	—	Swollen
Hydrocarbons				
Gas, Natural, aromatic-free	1 year	—	—	Showed slight decrease in tensile strength and increase in impact strength
Gas, Natural, 5% aromatic content	23 days	—	—	Showed slight decrease in tensile strength and increase in impact strength

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Chemical Compatibility Chart continued

Time Exposed	Weight Thickness	Percent Increase of Plastic		Observed Condition	Reagent
Chemicals					
•Isoamyl	2 days	2.0	2.1	Very slightly softened	
•Isopropyl	2 days	23.4	25.1	Softened, tacky	
•Methyl		—	—	Dissolved	
Methyl, 5%	1 year	2.0	1.2	Slightly softened	
•n-Propyl	2 days	15.0	4.4	Slightly softened	
•Tetrahydrofurfuryl		—	—	Dissolved	
Alcohols, Dihydric and Trihydric					
•Diethylene Glycol	2 months	8.2	6.1	Softened	
2-Ethyl Hexanediol-1,3	2 days (38°C, 100°F)	—	—	Unchanged	
Ethylene Glycol	1 year	4.2	2.1	Unchanged	
Glycerin	1 year	0.0	0.4	Unchanged	
Propylene Glycol	2 days	0.4	0.0	Unchanged	
•Triethylene Glycol	2 months	8.6	6.7	Softened	
Bases					
•Ammonium Hydroxide, 10%	2 months	21.9	12.9	Softened	
Calcium Hydroxide, saturated solution					
	1 week	0.7	0.7	Unchanged	
Sodium Hydroxide, 1%	1 year	1.0	0.6	Unchanged	
•Sodium Hydroxide, 10%	8 months	3.2	2.2	Brittle	
Trimethylbenzyl Ammonium Hydroxide, 5%	17 days	1.1	0.0	Unchanged	
Esters					
•n-Butyl Acetate		—	—	Dissolved	
•sec-Butyl Acetate		—	—	Dissolved	
Di-2-Ethylhexyl Adipate	1 year	0.9	0.3	Unchanged	
Di-2-Ethylhexyl Phthalate	1 month (50°C, 122°F)			Small gain	
•Ethyl Acetate		—	—	Dissolved	
•Ethyl Lactate		—	—	Dissolved	
•Ethyl Propionate		—	—	Dissolved	
•Ethylene Glycol Monoethyl Ether Acetate		—	—	Dissolved	
•Ethylene Glycol Monomethyl Ether Acetate		—	—	Dissolved	
•Isoamyl Acetate		—	—	Dissolved	
•Isobutyl Acetate		—	—	Dissolved	
•Isopropyl Acetate		—	—	Dissolved	
•Methyl Acetate		—	—	Dissolved	
•n-Propyl Acetate		—	—	Dissolved	
Ethers					
•Dichloro Diethyl Ether		—	—	Dissolved	
•Diethyl Ether	2 days	46.0	50.0	Considerably swollen	
Di-Isopropyl Ether	2 days	0.8	1.1	Unchanged	
Ether-Alcohols					
•Ethylene Glycol Monoethyl Ether		—	—	Dissolved	
•Ethylene Glycol Monomethyl Ether		—	—	Dissolved	
•Toluene	2 days	39.3	54.9	Softened	
•Xylene	1 week	41.5	33.2	Softened	
Hydrocarbons, Halogenated					
•Carbon Tetrachloride	2 days	14.8	6.8	Surface slightly softened	
•Chlorobenzene		—	—	Dissolved	
•Chlorobromomethane		—	—	Dissolved	
•Chloroform		—	—	Dissolved	
•o-Dichlorobenzene	3 days	—	—	Softened and swollen	
•p-Dichlorobenzene	3 days	11.1	11.7	Swollen	

Chemical Compatibility Chart continued

Time Exposed	Weight	Thickness	Percent Increase of Plastic		Observed Condition	Reagent
Chemicals						
•Ethylene Chloride			—	—	Dissolved	
•Methylene Chloride			—	—	Dissolved	
•Propylene Chloride			—	—	Dissolved	
•s-Tetrabromoethane	3 days		—	—	Softened, swollen, and tacky	
•Tetrachloroethane			—	—	Dissolved	
•Tetrachloroethylene	12 days		—	—	Badly swollen	
•Trichloroethylene	1 day		—	—	Badly swollen	
Ketones						
•Acetone			—	—	Dissolved	
•Cyclohexanone			—	—	Dissolved	
•Di-Isopropyl Ketone			—	—	Dissolved	
•Methyl Ethyl Ketone			—	—	Dissolved	
•Methyl n-Butyl Ketone			—	—	Dissolved	
•Methyl Isobutyl Ketone			—	—	Dissolved	
•Phorone			—	—	Dissolved	
Salts						
Aluminum Acetate, Basic, 33% water slurry						
	2 months		1.8	0.6	Unchanged	
Aluminum Chloride, 10% saturated solution						
	2 months		0.1	0.0	Unchanged	
Aluminum Sulfate, solid						
	3 months		1.7	1.1	Unchanged	
Ammonium Bifluoride, saturated solution						
	1 month		2.3	—	Slightly bleached	
Ammonium Chloride, saturated solution						
	1 month		2.1	0.8	Unchanged	Ammonium Nitrate,
solid	1 week	0.2	0.2	—	Unchanged	Ammonium Nitrate, 10%
1 week	1.7	0.8	—	—	Unchanged	Ammonium Sulfate, solid
0.1	0.6	—	—	—	Unchanged	1 year
Ammonium Sulfate, 10%						
	1 year		1.3	0.5	Unchanged	
Calcium Chloride, 2.5%						
	1 year		1.5	0.9	Unchanged	
Calcium Chloride, 40%						
	2 months		0.4	0.0	Unchanged	
Calcium Hypochlorite, 6%						
	1 year		6.0	-3.8	Softened and cracked	
Calcium Hypochlorite, 30%						
	13 days		0.8	0.0	Unchanged	
Calcium Phosphate, Monobasic, solid						
	1 year		1.7	0.5	Unchanged	
Calcium Phosphate, Dibasic, solid						
	1 year		-0.6	0.6	Unchanged	
Calcium Phosphate, Tribasic, solid						
	1 year		-0.6	0.6	Unchanged	
Heptane						
	1 year		1.6	2.5	Unchanged	
Hexane						
	1 week		—	—	Unchanged	
Propane, gas						
	2 months		0.3	0.6	Unchanged	
Propane, liquid						
	2 months		1.4	4.6	Unchanged	
Calcium Sulfate (Gypsum), solid						
	1 year		-0.1	0.6	Unchanged	
Copper Sulfate (Cupric), 10%						
	2 months		1.7	0.6	Unchanged	
Copper Sulfate, saturated solution						
	2 months		1.7	0.9	Unchanged	
Cuprous Chloride, solid						
	1 week		1.5	—	Unchanged	
Ferric Ammonium Sulfate, solid						
	1 week (38°C, 100°F,		0.3	—	Unchanged	
80% RH)	Ferric Chloride, 5%		2.0	0.8	Unchanged	
	2 months		1.7	1.0	Unchanged	
Ferric Chloride, 20%						
	2 months		1.7	1.0	Unchanged	
Ferric Chloride, 40%						
	2 months		1.3	0.4	Unchanged	

Chemical Compatibility Chart continued

Time Exposed	Weight Thickness	Percent Increase of Plastic		Observed Condition	Reagent
Ferric Chloride, saturated solution	1 month	0.9	0.3	Unchanged	
Lithium Bromide, solid	1 week	-0.7	0.0	Unchanged	
Lithium Bromide, 50%	1 week	0.0	0.0	Unchanged	Magnesium
Carbonate, 2.5%	2 days	1.6	1.0	Unchanged	
Potassium Aluminum Sulfate (alum), 21%	4 months (38°C, 100°F)	1.9	0.8	Unchanged	
Potassium Bromide, 3%	3 days (38°C, 100°F)	1.3	—	Unchanged	
Potassium Chloride, solid	1 year	0.1	0.5	Unchanged	
Potassium Chloride, 10%	1 year	1.7	0.4	Unchanged	Potassium Chrome
Alum, 10%	3 days (38°C, 100°F)	1.3	—	Unchanged	
Potassium Cyanide, 10%	2 months	1.4	0.3	Slightly discolored (brown)	
Potassium Cyanide, saturated solution	2 months	0.5	0.0	Slightly discolored (brown)	
Potassium Ferricyanide, 10%	4 days	—	—	Unchanged	
Potassium Sulfate, solid	1 year	0.1	0.6	Unchanged	
Potassium Sulfate, 10%	1 year	1.4	0.4	Unchanged	
Silver Nitrate, 2.5%	2 days	1.5	0.0	Unchanged	
Sodium Acetate, 3%	3 days (38°C, 100°F)	1.3	—	Unchanged	
Sodium Aluminum Sulfate, solid	1 week	1.6	0.4	Unchanged	
Sodium Bicarbonate, 2.5%	2 days	1.7	0.5	Unchanged	
Sodium Bisulfate, solid	1 week (38°C, 100°F, 80% RH)	0.1	—	Unchanged	
Sodium Bisulfate, 1%	3 days (38°C, 100°F)	1.3	—	Unchanged	
Sodium Bisulfite, 20%	1 week	2.1	0.8	Unchanged	
Sodium Borate, 2.5%	2 days	1.5	0.5	Unchanged	
Sodium Carbonate, solid	1 week (38°C, 100°F, 80% RH)	3.9	—	Unchanged	
Sodium Carbonate, 2.5%	1 year	1.3	0.9	Unchanged	Sodium Carbonate,
6%	3 days (38°C, 100°F)	1.2	—	Unchanged	
Sodium Carbonate, 10%	1 year	—	—	Unchanged	
Sodium Chloride, 2.5%	1 year	—	—	Unchanged	
Sodium Chloride, 10%	1 year	1.3	0.5	Unchanged	
Sodium Chloride, saturated solution	2 months	0.8	0.3	Unchanged	
Sodium Chloride, saturated solution	2 months (60°C, 140°F)	0.9	0.9	Unchanged	
Sodium Chromate, saturated solution	1 week	0.6	0.2	Unchanged	
Sodium Cyanide, 10%	2 months	1.0	0.3	Unchanged	
Sodium Cyanide, saturated solution	2 months	-0.2	-0.4	Unchanged	
Sodium Ferrocyanide, solid	1 week	0.8	—	Unchanged	
Sodium Fluoride, 4%	1 month	2.5	—	Unchanged	
Sodium Hypochlorite, 30%	13 days	1.1	-2.1	Unchanged	
Sodium Nitrate, solid	2 months	0.1	0.1	Unchanged	
Sodium Nitrate, 10%	1 year	1.2	0.4	Unchanged	
Sodium Nitrate, saturated solution	2 months	0.9	0.4	Unchanged	
Sodium Silicate, solid	2 months	0.3	0.2	Unchanged	
Sodium Silicate, saturated solution	2 months	1.2	0.1	Unchanged	

Chemical Compatibility Chart continued

Time Exposed	Weight	Thickness	Percent Increase of Plastic		Observed Condition	Reagent
Sodium Sulfite, 10%	1 week		2.1	0.9	Unchanged	
Sodium Thiosulfate, 20%	13 days		1.1	0.0	Unchanged	
Sodium Thiosulfate, 24%	3 days (38°C, 100°F)		1.2	—	Unchanged	
Tetra (2-Ethylbutyl) Silicate	1 month (50°C, 122°F)		-0.7	-0.1	Unchanged	
Trimethyl Benzyl Ammonium Chloride, 5%	17 days		1.1	0.1	Unchanged	
Zinc Chloride (hydrous salt)	1 week		0.5	0.0	Unchanged	
Zinc Chloride, saturated solution	1 week		1.4	0.8	Slightly etched	
Zinc Oxide, solid	1 week		—	—	Unchanged	
Miscellaneous Chemicals and Gases						
Ammoniated Mercury	1 week (60°C, 140°F)		—	—	Unchanged	
•Aniline			—	—	Dissolved	
•Benzaldehyde			—	—	Dissolved	
•Butadiene-1,3, liquid	6 months		19.3	26.4	Swollen and softened	
Butadiene-1,3, gas	1 month		2.7	2.3	Unchanged	
•Carbon Disulfide	1 week		25.8	1.6	Softened and swollen	
•Carbon Disulfide, saturated atmosphere	2 days		17.4	11.8	Warped	
•Chlorine, dry	1 week		8.8	2.2	Crazed and brittle	
•Chlorine, moist	1 week		7.8	0.1	Crazed and brittle	
•Chlorine, saturated solution	1 week		—	—	Considerably softened and swollen	
•1,4-Dioxane			—	—	Dissolved	
Ethylene Oxide, gas	10 minutes (41°C, 105°F)		—	—	Unchanged	
•Ethylene Oxide, gas	1 day		20.9	25.6	Swollen and softened	
Formaldehyde, 4%	10 min per day		0.2	—	Unchanged for 5 days	
•Formaldehyde, 35%	2 months		13.0	6.7	Swollen and softened	
•Furfural			—	—	Dissolved	
Hydrogen Peroxide, 3%	1 year		1.7	1.1	Unchanged	
Hydrogen Peroxide, 5%	2 days		1.4	1.3	Unchanged	
Hydrogen Sulfide, dry	2 months		2.3	0.8	Unchanged	
Hydrogen Sulfide, moist	2 months		3.0	1.7	Unchanged	
Hydrogen Sulfide, saturated solution	2 months		5.9	2.3	Unchanged	
Hydroquinone, 20 g per gallon	1 week		2.4	1.0	Slightly stained yellow	
•Methyl Methacrylate Monomer			—	—	Dissolved	
•Nitrobenzene			—	—	Dissolved	
Ozone, 0.05-0.15 ppm	45 days (outdoors)		—	—	Unchanged	
Ozone, 0.7 ppm	45 days (49°C, 120°F)		—	—	Yellowed	
•Phenol	1 week		—	—	Decomposed	
•Styrene Monomer			—	—	Dissolved	
Sulfur, solid	1 week		—	—	Unchanged	
•Sulfur Dioxide, dry	2 months		19.4	8.6	Swollen, slightly warped	
•Sulfur Dioxide, moist	2 months		31.9	10.2	Considerably swollen and warped	
•Sulfur Dioxide, saturated	2 months		23.2	18.1	Swollen and warped	

Chemical Compatibility Chart continued

Time Exposed	Weight	Thickness	Percent Increase		Observed Condition	Reagent
			of Plastic			
•Sulfur Dioxide in Hydrocarbons	—	—	—	—	Dissolved	
•Sulfur Dioxide and Hydrocarbon Vapor						
	2 months		19.2	11.5	Swollen	
•Titanium Tetrachloride 3 days	—	—	—	—	Very brittle	
Trinitrotoluene (TNT), water slurry						
	4 weeks		—	—	Stained	

Using the Head Frame

During use of the RSVP Phantom™ and radiosurgery head frame, the phantom should be secured in an upright position. The case can serve as a support as shown in Figure 3 below.

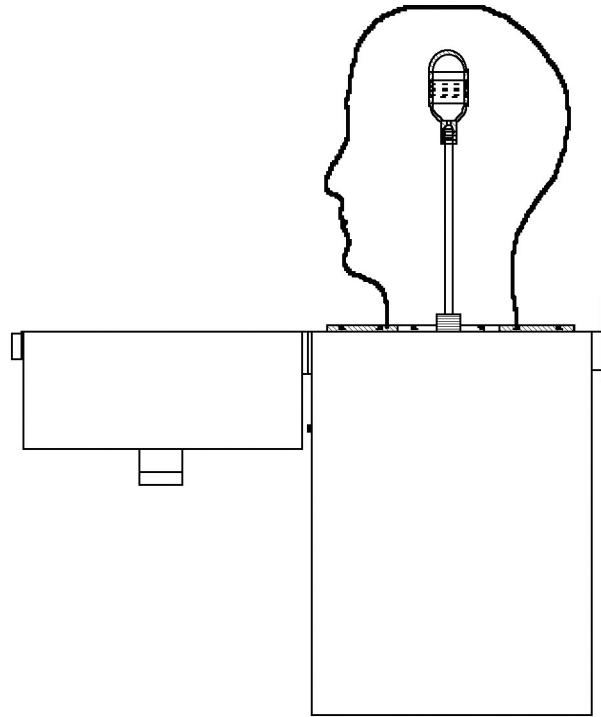


Figure 3. The RSVP Phantom™ secured in an upright position

The head frame of your radiosurgery system should be positioned on the phantom's outer shell just as the frame would be on the patient's head during a radiosurgical procedure. The immobilization screws, on the head frame, may be tightened directly into the CAB plastic. Small dimples may form in the plastic when the screws are tightened, however, these dimples should have no effect on the structural integrity of your phantom. If you have difficulty mounting your radiosurgery head frame to your phantom, please contact The Phantom Laboratory for technical support.

Once the radiosurgery head frame is secured in place, the imaging localization device for computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), or angiography should be attached to the head frame. Please note that in positioning the head frame and attached localization device, you must be careful to ensure that the imaged target (tumor) is within the spatial range-- the X, Y, and Z limits--of the localization device.

The phantom, head frame, and localization device may now be placed on the imaging table for a scanning procedure. You may find it necessary to use some site-dependent support system to position and secure the phantom, head frame and localization device on your imaging table.

Filling the Tumor Vessel

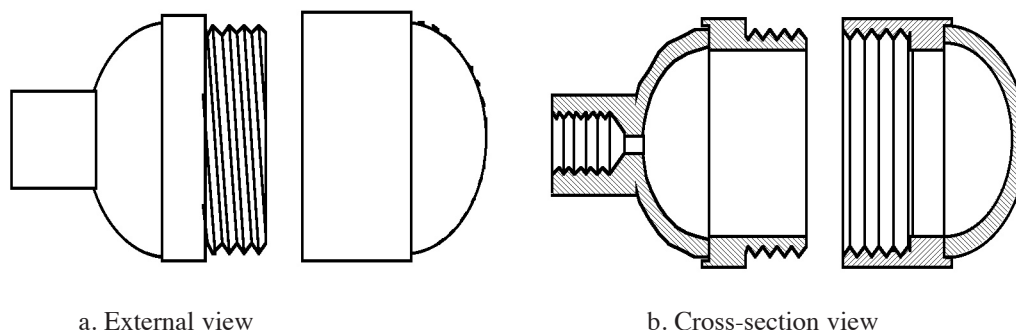


Figure 4 The tumor vessel.

Filling tumor vessel with low viscosity liquids

As shown in Figure 4b, the tumor vessel has a small port at the base of the position rod connector. Therefore, you must remove the position rod before adding or removing materials through the port. To fill the tumor vessel with a low-viscosity liquid, you may use a syringe to inject the fluid directly through the port into the tumor vessel. Once the vessel is full, simply rethread the position rod into the connector to close the port.

Filling the tumor vessels with high viscosity materials

A different procedure is used for filling the tumor vessel with high-viscosity materials that cannot be readily injected through the port. In such cases, it is necessary to unthread the two halves of the tumor vessel and then place the desired material in each half. While the half of the tumor vessel with male threads should be filled completely with material, the female-threaded half should be filled only to the beginning of the first thread nearest the rounded end. The two halves of the tumor vessel may then be threaded together. Please note that you may set a tumor-simulation mark by inserting a catheter section into the gel before threading the two halves together.

Film Alignment Verification

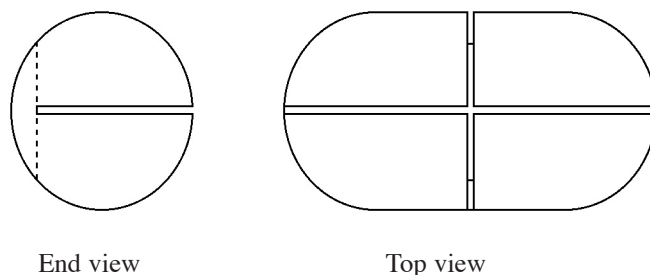


Figure 5, TLP211 5mm plug holder

The TLP227 insert may be used instead of gel for alignment verification. The insert holds film in two axes enabling simultaneous recording of the dose distribution in two plains. For alignment verification use a non light sensitive film like the Gafchromic Dosimetry Media.

Dosimetry Gels

The tumor vessel is molded out of Barex plastic. This plastic is oxygen impermeable. This vessel can be used with a variety of gels. If you prefer not to make your own gel, vessels can be filled by MGS Research Inc. in Guilford CT. 203-453-8679

Preparing the Ferrous Agarose Gel

You may use the following seven-step "recipe" to prepare 50ml of ferrous agarose gel:

WARNING: Beware of any impurities, for example dirt, etc. Impurities will cause the gel to change color prior to irradiation.

- (1) Bring 45ml of triply de-ionized water to a boil.
- (2) Measure 1 gram of agar.
- (3) Add the agar to the boiling water and heat the mixture while stirring continuously for 4 to 5 minutes.
- (4) Remove the mixture from heat and continue stirring for 3 to 4 minutes.
- (5) While the agar mixture is being stirred (step 4), combine 5ml of a ferrous ammonium sulfate solution and 5ml of xylenol orange solution. Directions for preparing these solutions are provided below.
- (6) Once the stirring in Step 4 is completed, add the ferrous ammonium sulfate xylenol orange solution to the agar mixture and stir for an additional 8 to 10 minutes.
- (7) Pour the resulting gel into the two halves of the tumor vessel.

Original Chemicals Needed:

2 x 10⁻⁴M Ferrous Ions (Fe⁺⁺)
 1.5 x 10⁻⁴M Xylenol Orange
 5 x 10⁻²N Sulfuric Acid (H₂SO₄)
 1.0% Agar

Preparing Stock Solutions:

Xylenol Orange

- (1) Measure 0.124 grams of xylenol orange.
- (2) Add 100ml of triply de-ionized H₂O.

Ferrous Ammonium Sulfate

- (1) Measure .0784 grams of Fe⁺⁺.
- (2) Add 25ml of H₂SO₄ (5x 10⁻² Normal).
- (3) Add 75ml of triply de-ionized water.

Chemical Supply Source:

Fisher Scientific Headquarters, 711 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219
 412-562-8300

Ferrous Ammonium Sulfate crystal [Fe(NH₄)₂ (SO₄)₂ · 6H₂O] (Cat.# I77-500)
 Xylenol Orange Tetrasodium Salt (Cat.# X15-5)

Sigma Chemical Co., St. Louis, MO
 314-771-5750

Purified Agar (Stock# A-7049)
 Ferrous Ammonium Sulfate [Fe(NH₄)₂ (SO₄)₂ · 6H₂O]
 Xylenol Orange (Stock# X-3500 Tetrasodium Salt)

Dose Evaluations

Several types of devices may be used to obtain quantitative measurements of the radiation dose delivered to the phantom's tumor vessel. These include TLD chips and radiation-sensitive films, as well as a number of commercially available probes and ionization chambers.

Thermoluminescent Dosimetry (TLD)

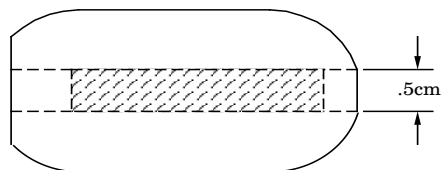


Figure 6. TLP211 5mm plug holder

Note that a standard TLD plug 2.5cm long and 0.5cm diameter (shaded area) has been inserted into the holder.

For TLD measurement, the RSVP Phantom™ may be fitted with the optional TLP211 plug holder, which is designed to hold the standard 25mm by 5mm diameter plugs and capsules used in the RANDO® Phantom. Air gaps in the holder, at either end of the standard Mix D plug can be filled with pieces of RAN235 Mix D plugs by cutting them to length with a sharp knife. Once the plugs with TLD have been inserted, the TLP211 plug holder may be placed into the tumor vessel for positioning.

Film Dosimetry

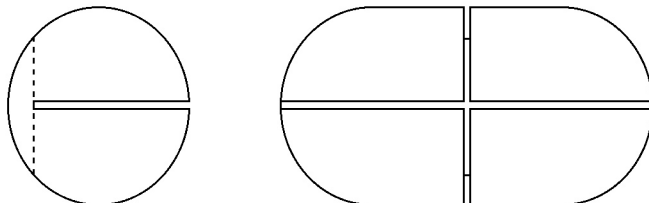


Figure 7. TLP227 Film holder

The TLP227 film holders allows non light sensitive dosimetry film to be placed within the tumor vessel. The TLP227 enables measurements of sagittal or coronal and cross-sectional measurements. The TLP227 insert has 1mm machined slots which hold the film. These slots are not airtight. Physicists concerned about the affect of air on the film dosimetry should use caution when using this insert.

Relative dose measurements may be obtained to evaluate beam profiles and planar isodose distributions. A high-quality dosimetry film, such as Gafchromic Dosimetry Media, should be used for film dosimetry measurements. The film must be cut to the proper size and placed in the film holder. The holder is then installed and positioned within the tumor vessel.

Radiation Chambers

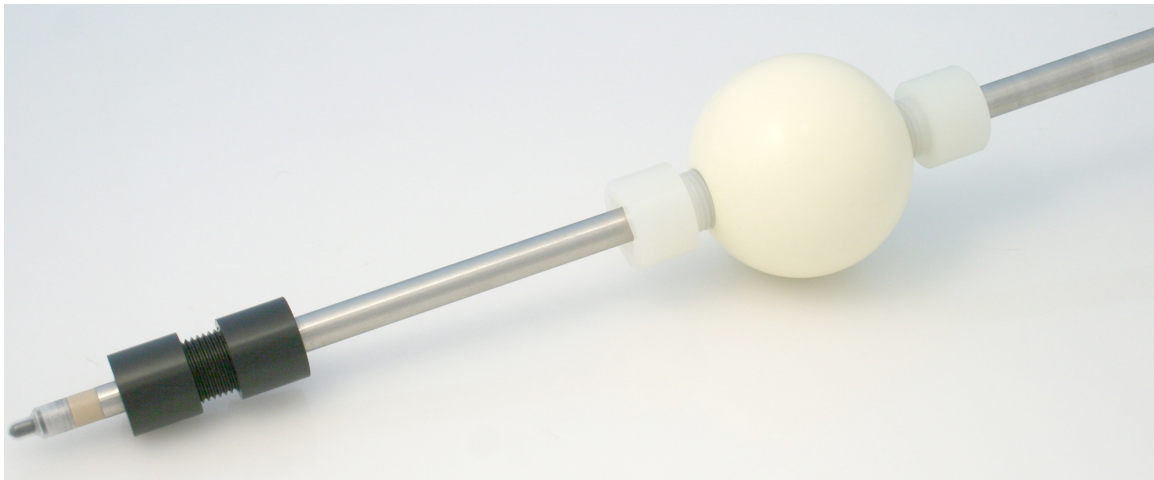
Chambers capable of making direct radiation measurements within the phantom are manufactured by the companies listed below.

Standard Imaging manufactures the Exradin chambers. Special chambers can be ordered from Standard Imaging that will come with long rods capable of passing through the phantom's rotation ball for positioning.

Standard Imaging
www.standardimaging.com

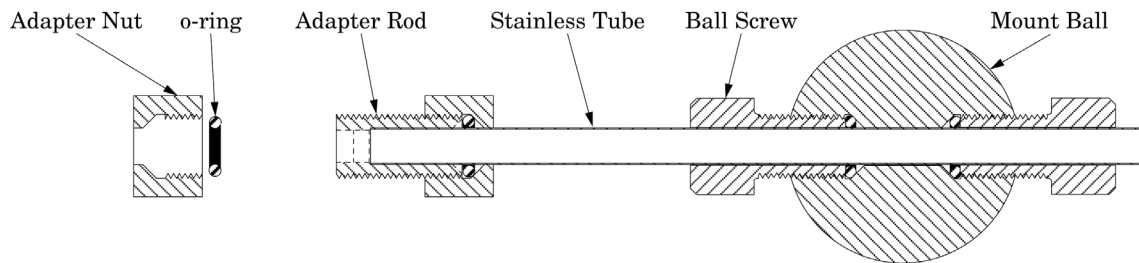
PTW-Freiburg manufactures the PinPoint chambers which can be used in the RSVP phantom with the optional TLP280 adapter.

PTW
www.ptw.de



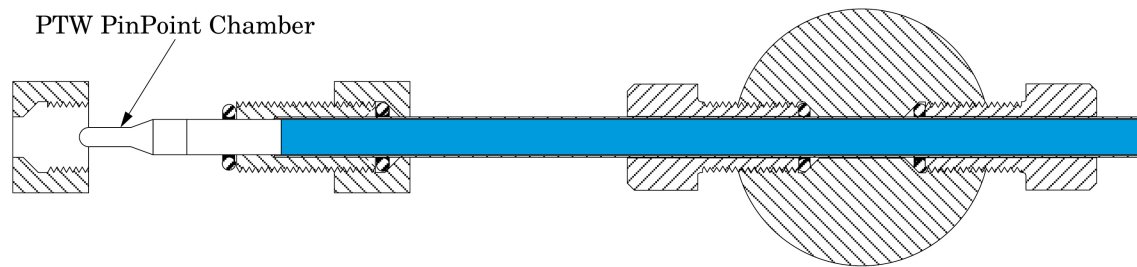
See instructions on next page for TLP280 chamber adapter.

Using the TLP280 PinPoint Chamber Adapter

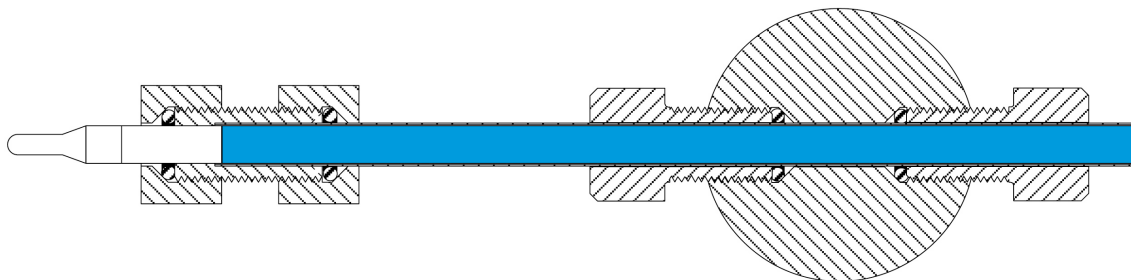


Remove the black adapter nut and o-ring from the end of the adapter rod.

Slide the PTW chamber into the tube and through the mount ball to the end of the adaptor rod.



Move the chamber so a portion of the stainless steel part of the chamber is protruding out of the end of the adapter rod as indicated.



Slide o-ring over the chamber so it rests against the adapter rod. Next, tighten on the adapter nut until it is firm and the chamber is held securely into position.

Note:

To adjust the chamber's position in relation to the rotation ball, the ball screws can be loosened and the rotation ball can be slid up or down on the stainless steel tube.

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2727 State Route 29
Greenwich, NY 12834

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The Phantom Laboratory, Incorporated
PO Box 511
Salem, NY 12865-0511

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