

Sample in Flowing Vapor Cryostats

VNF-100 optical and VNF-100T non-optical 77 K cryostats

Ideal for cooling samples with poor thermal conductivity, VNF-100 cryostats provide uniform cooling for liquids, powders, and irregularly shaped samples. Samples are located in a stream of nitrogen vapor, eliminating the need for careful thermal anchoring. The VNF-100 is ideal for both optical and electrical measurements from 65 K to 325 K.





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The Lake Shore VNF-100 Series are liquid nitrogen cooled, variable temperature cryostats with the sample located in flowing vapor. Ideal for experiments with samples that are difficult to thermally anchor such as liquid or powder samples, these cryostats are a low-cost alternative to liquid helium or cryocooler based systems when temperatures below 65 K are not required. The VNF-100 Series features a top-loading sample chamber for rapid sample exchange, and four-way, f = 1.0 optical access to the sample chamber.

The sample is easily accessed by removing the top-loading sample positioner. Samples can be connected with cryogenic-service wiring (single conductor, twisted-pair, or coaxial cables) for electrical measurements, while the four-way optical sample chamber enables both reflectance or transmission geometries. Standard fused silica windows provide transmission from the UV to near-IR regions. Alternatively, optional window materials can be installed for IR measurements.

The VNF-100T provides similar performance, but in a compact non-optical configuration. The small diameter non-optical tail of the VF-100T can be inserted into an electromagnet for use in magnetoelectric applications.

Typical applications for the VNF-100 Series include spectroscopy (photoluminescence, FTIR, UV- visible—VNF-100 only) and electrical materials characterization.

Key features

Top-loading sample-in-flowing-vapor configuration

Internal LN₂ reservoir with integrated cryopump enables all-day unattended operation

Optimized for two-loop temperature control, LN_2 is vaporized and temperature controlled with a calibrated silicon diode as it enters the sample chamber; a second heater and sensor on the sample mount is used for rapid temperature sweeps and precise sample temperature control

Sample is accessed by opening a single clamp and removing the top-loading sample positioner

Continuous temperature range from 65 K to 300 K (500 K optional with VNF-100T)

O-ring sealed ports accept DC and RF electrical feedthroughs

Optional DC and RF wires and cables for electrical measurements

Four optical window ports (f = 1.0) can be used for optical measurements from UV to IR





VNF-100 Series

Featured components

Sample in flowing vapor for uniform sample cooling

Integrated control heater and calibrated silicon diode control sensor

Dual-loop heater configuration for rapid and precise sample temperature control (simultaneous control at liquid vaporizer and sample mount)

Integrated $\ensuremath{\text{LN}}_2$ reservoir provides 6 to 8 h of operation between refills

Adjustable cooling power using integrated needle valve

Removable sample positioner including copper sample mount, removable optical sample holder, housekeeping feedthrough, 10-pin feedthrough for experimental wiring, and two spare o-ring sealed sample access ports

Optical vacuum shroud with four o-ring sealed window ports (VNF-100 only)

Easily add DC, AC, and mixed DC+AC measurement capabilities to your cryostat with an M81-SSM

This modular, multichannel system provides highly synchronized DC, 100 kHz AC, and mixed DC + AC sourcing and measuring - including both voltage and current lock-in measurement capabilities - for low-temperature material research performed in your cryostat. It supports up to three remote-mountable source and three measure modules per a single M81-SSM-6 instrument and, owing to its modularity, allows signal and source amplifiers to be located as close as possible to the sample being characterized. This minimizes the signal wiring to the sample, reduces noise, and increases measurement sensitivity. The modules also leverage patentpending MeasureSync™ real-time sampling technology to ensure synchronous sourcing and measuring across all channels. Plus, by having both DC and AC sourcing and measurement in one instrument, the M81-SSM can eliminate the need for mixed-instrument setups, greatly simplifying the setup of complex characterization configurations.



Real-time sampling architecture for synchronous sourcing/measuring

All source and measure channels are capable of DC and AC to 100 kHz signals

100% linear circuitry for the lowest possible source/measure noise

Optimized for fundamental, harmonic, and phase AC plus DC biased measurements

Unique, flexible instrument/distributed module architecture

Provides the absolute precision of DC plus the detection sensitivity performance of AC instrumentation

Uses a clean, simple UI and common programming API for fast setup

Included MeasureLINK software enables full end-to-end measurement and cryostat temperature control









Options

Windows

Custom window options are available, including UV or IR grade fused silica, or sapphire. Contact Lake Shore for more information.

Mounting flange

Black anodized aluminum flange compatible with commercial spectrofluorometers BASE-VNF-2

Sample holders

Custom sample holders are available for the VNF-100T. Contact Lake Shore for more information. The options listed below are for the VNF-100 only.

Optical consult Lake Shore

Blank consult Lake Shore

Resistivity consult Lake Shore

LCC consult Lake Shore

DIP consult Lake Shore

Cuvette consult Lake Shore



Optical VNF-100 cuvette sample holder

For total control of measurements performed in a cryostat, add our MeasureLINK software

Our optional MeasureLINK software enables a wide range of capabilities including charting and logging, system monitoring with a cryostat-specific process view, and even controlling Lake Shore equipment as well as some third-party instrumentation, in a non-programming environment. You can also create unlimited functionality using the scripting development environment.

Create multiple configurations to support separate measurements

Monitor temperature and change setpoints with the monitor pane

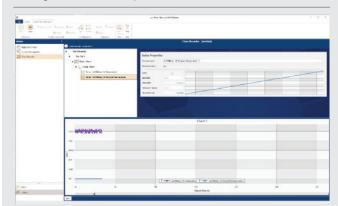
Easily create nested, multi-level measurement loop sequences

See real-time internal cryostat temperatures in Process View

Charts and log all system variables with Chart Recorder

No programming required — drag and drop to create temperature sweeps, access measurements, and add third-party instruments

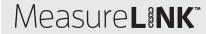
Custom scripting function allows you to construct new and edit existing measurement scripts



The chart recorder utility enables charting and logging of all system variables, for example, so you can keep a close eye on temperature trends in a cryostat experiment in real-time; it also helps you determine when steady-state conditions have been reached.

MeasureLINK Monitor Pane







Options

Electrical feedthroughs

(1) BNC grounded EF-BNC-1-B-AL

(2) BNC grounded EF-BNC-2-S-AL

(6) BNC grounded EF-BNC-6-G

(1) BNC insulated EF-BNC-1-B-NC

(2) BNC insulated EF-BNC-2-S-NC

(6) BNC insulated EF-BNC-6-I

(1) triaxial grounded EF-TRIAX-1-B-AL

(6) triaxial grounded EF-TRIAX-6-G

(1) triaxial insulated EF-TRIAX-1-B-NC

(6) triaxial insulated EF-TRIAX-6-I

(2) SMA grounded EF-SMA-2-B-AL

(6) SMA grounded EF-SMA-6-G

(2) SMA insulated EF-SMA-2-B-NC

(6) SMA insulated EF-SMA-6-I

10-pin 10P-ASSEMBLY

19-pin 19P-ASSEMBLY

26-pin 26P-ASSEMBLY

32-pin 32P-ASSEMBLY

Additional temperature sensors

One Lake Shore calibrated diode is now included on every cryostat as the control sensor

Silicon diode, calibrated DT-670-CU-HT-1.4L

Cernox® magnetic field independent, calibrated CX-1050-CU-HT-1.4M

Installed wiring

(1), (2), or (6) coaxial cables, SMA CABLEASSY-63340

(1), (2), or (6) coaxial cables, BNC CABLEASSY-63342

(1) or (6) triaxial cables CABLEASSY-63341

(10), (19), (26), or (32) PhBr wires WIRE-PHBR

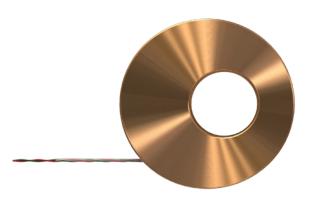
Accessories

Available at www.lakeshore.com

LN₂ storage Dewar LN-50

Vacuum pumping station 10RVP, 10DDP, or TS-85-D

Temperature controller 325, 335, or 336



Cernox CU-HT sensor



336 temperature controller







Specifications

VNF-100 VNF-100T

Initial cooldown time (to 65 K)	~30 min	
Temperature range	65 K to 300 K (500 K optional with VNF-100T)	
Typical temperature stability ¹	±50 mK	
LN ₂ capacity (nominal)	1.2 L	
Working time (typical)	6 to 8 h	
Sample exchange time (typical)	<5 min	

Size

Height	583 mm (23 in)	812.8 mm (32 in)
Inner diameter (at sample region) ²	30 mm (1.18 in)	22.35 mm (0.88 in)
Sample mount diameter ²	25.4 mm (1 in)	16 mm (0.62 in)
Weight (approximate)	11.5 kg (25.4 lb)	
Shipping weight (approximate)	15.9 kg (35 lb)	
Shipping dimensions (approximate)	$762\times508\times431.8$ mm (30 \times 20 \times 17 in)	

¹ Measured with temperature controller



² VNF-100

Ordering information

Options

Windows

Custom window options are available, including UV or IR grade fused silica, or sapphire. Contact Lake Shore for more information.

Mounting flange

BASE-VNF-2

Black anodized aluminum flange compatible with commercial spectrofluorometers

Sample holders

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CONSULT Optical CONSULT Blank CONSULT Resistivity **CONSULT** LCC DIP CONSULT **CONSULT** Cuvette

Electrical feedthroughs

(1) BNC grounded **EF-BNC-1-B-AL EF-BNC-2-S-AL** (2) BNC grounded EF-BNC-6-G (6) BNC grounded **EF-BNC-1-B-NC** (1) BNC insulated **EF-BNC-2-S-NC** (2) BNC insulated EF-BNC-6-I (6) BNC insulated FF-TRIAX-1-R-AI (1) triaxial grounded **EF-TRIAX-6-G** (6) triaxial grounded **EF-TRIAX-1-B-NC** (1) triaxial insulated **EF-TRIAX-6-I** (6) triaxial insulated EF-SMA-2-B-AL (2) SMA grounded EF-SMA-6-G (6) SMA grounded EF-SMA-2-B-NC (2) SMA insulated EF-SMA-6-I (6) SMA insulated

10P-ASSEMBLY 10-pin 19P-ASSEMBLY 19-pin **26P-ASSEMBLY** 26-pin 32P-ASSEMBLY 32-pin

Additional temperature sensors

DT-670-CU-HT-1.4L Silicon diode, calibrated

(one included with cryostat)

CX-1050-CU-HT-1.4M Cernox® magnetic field independent, calibrated

Installed wiring

CABLEASSY-63340 (1), (2), or (6) coaxial cables, SMA CABLEASSY-63342 (1), (2), or (6) coaxial cables, BNC

CABLEASSY-63341 (1) or (6) triaxial cables

WIRE-PHBR (10), (19), (26), or (32) PhBr wires

Accessories

M81-SSM electronic synchronous source measure system

Contact us for standard/optical sample mounts or for interface cables/adapters for M81-SSM system/cryostat integration. Also available: specially priced preconfigured M81-SSM/cryostat packages for certain cryostat models—contact Sales for details.

M81-SSM-2 M81-SSM instrument with 1 source and 1 measure

channel, including M81-SSM accessory kit (USB-A to USB-C adapter, USB-A male to USB-B male cable, terminal connectors for digital I/O, terminal connectors for chassis ground, quick-start guide) and

a 2 m (6.6 ft) LEMO to BNC adapter cable

M81-SSM-4 M81-SSM instrument with 2 source and 2 measure

> channels, including M81-SSM accessory kit (USB-A to USB-C adapter, USB-A male to USB-B male cable, terminal connectors for digital I/O, terminal connectors for chassis ground, quick-start guide) and

a 2 m (6.6 ft) LEMO to BNC adapter cable

M81-SSM-6 M81-SSM instrument with 3 source and 3 measure

> channels, including M81-SSM accessory kit (USB-A to USB-C adapter, USB-A male to USB-B male cable, terminal connectors for digital I/O, terminal connectors for chassis ground, quick-start guide) and

a 2 m (6.6 ft) LEMO to BNC adapter cable

ML-MCS MeasureLINK-MCS software with scripting development license. Includes complete

MeasureLINK installation with Lake Shore instrument drivers, chart recorder functionality and drag-anddrop measurement sequences. Some application

packs sold separately.

Other accessories

LN-50 50 L LN₂ storage Dewar 10RVP Vacuum pumping station **10DDP** Vacuum pumping station TS-85-D Turbomolecular pumping station 336 Model 336 temperature controller 335 Model 335 temperature controller 325 Model 325 temperature controller









