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PROTOCOL FOR FACTORY ACCEPATANCE TEST OF STERILIZATION & DRYING TUNNEL

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1.0 APPROVAL:

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2.0 PURPOSE:

• To ensure that the sterilization & Drying tunnel manufactured by M/s Truking Technology Limited (China)rforming as per agreed performance specification at manufacturer's site.

3.0 SYSTEM OVERVIEW:

- The Sterilization & De-Pyrogenating Tunnel is used for sterilization and De-Pyrogenation of Glass Ampoules of various Sizes, enabling the integration of the process of Liquid Injection Automatic Filling under Aseptic Conditions in which all activities are performed under class 100 area.
- The De-Pyrogenating Tunnel is a complete Automatic control system with the basic unit mounted on stainless steel stand. In this Tunnel, the ampoules are transported by Stainless Steel Wire Loop Conveyor through PRE HEATING ZONE, HEATING ZONE, COOLING ZONES under Non–Turbulent class 100 Air.
- The useful belt width for carrying the Ampoule is 600 mm. The air damper plate is adjusted for Ampoule.
- The Sterile receptacles are then unloaded directly into the sterile area. This process eliminates intermediate Material Handling and the potential for product contamination during those steps no longer exist.



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4.0 EQUIPMENT COMPONENTS / BOUGHT OUTS:

Verification criteria					
S.No.	Component	Expectation	Actual	R e m a r k	
1.	Machine	Tunnel for Ampoule sterilization with effective conveyor width of 600 mm.			
2.	Make	Truking (China)			
3.	Machine Dimensions	4310 x 1700 x 2410 mm			
4.	Capacity	 600 pcs/min for 1 ml ampoule 480 pcs/min for 2 ml ampoule 470 pcs/min for 3 ml ampoule 430 pcs/min for 5 ml ampoule 300 pcs/min for 10 ml ampoule 			
5.	Power capacity	72.1 kw			
6.	Machine mounting	On sturdy SS 304 molded angles welded & grinded surface & fully cladded with SS sheets.			
7.	Machine Installation	Installation of machine should be suitable as per the drawing. Compare the instillation parameters with respect to room, pendant, drain, exhaust etc.			
8.	Effective width of conveying belt	MOC- SS 316 L Width -600 mm			
9.	9. Pre-Filter (Coarse efficiency filter in Pre heating zone)				



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Verific	Verification criteria				
S.No.	Component	Expectation	Actual	R e m a r k s	
	Make	Camfill farr			
	Model	TK-GLQ-Camfil-CN			
	Particle retention size	5 micron			
	Dimensions (in mm)	620 X 495 X 46			
	Class	G-4			
	LAMINAR FLOW I	FAN IN PREHEATING ZO	ONE		
	Brand	Popula			
	Qty.	one set of TK-YDF-			
		2.8A-F-R90 double-			
		sided inlet air			
		centrifugal fan			
	Power	1.1 KW			
	RPM	1400r/min			
	Exhaust Volume	3300-5200m³/h			
	Total pressure	380-460pa.			
	Pre-Filter (Coarse e	fficiency filter in cooling	zone)		
	Make:	camfill farr			
	Model	TK-GLQ-Camfil-CN			
	size	5 micron			
	Dimensions (in mm)	620 X 495 X 46 mm			
		G-4			



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Verification criteria				
S.No.	Component	Expectation	Actual	R e m a r k s
	LAMINAR FLOW I	FAN IN COOLING ZONE		
	Brand	Popula		
		one set of TK-YDF- 2.8A-F-R90 double- sided inlet air centrifugal fan		
	Power	1.1 KW		
	RPM	1400r/min		
	Exhaust Volume	3300-5200m³/h		
	Total pressure	380-460pa.		
10.	HEPA (Pre heating	Zone)		
	Make	Camfil brand		
	Air Velocity	More than 0.45 m/sec		
	Particle retention size	0.3 micron		
	Efficiency	99.997 %		
	Class	H14		
	mm)	610 X 610 X 150 mm		
	Maximum Temperature	100 °C		
	HEPA (Heating zon	ne)		
	Make	Camfil brand		
	Air Velocity	More than 0.60 m/sec		
		0.3 micron		



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Verifi	Verification criteria				
S.No.	Component	Expectation	Actual	R e m a r k s	
	Efficiency	99.997 %			
	Class	H13			
	Dimensions (in mm)	610 X 457 X 150 mm			
	Maximum Temperature	400 °C			
	LAMINAR FLOW	FAN IN HEATING ZONE			
	Brand	Popula			
	Qty.	one set of KSZ620/60- 12-40-00 Clockwise centrifugal fan			
	Power	1.5 KW			
	RPM	2840r/min			
	Exhaust Volume	2500m³/h			
	Total pressure	500-525pa.			
	HEPA (Cooling z	one)			
	Make	Camfil brand			
	Air Velocity	More than 0.45 m/sec			
	Particle retention size	0.3 micron			
	Efficiency	99.997 %			
	Class	H14			
	Dimensions (in mm)	762 X 762 X 150			
	Maximum Temperature	100 °C			



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S.No.	Component	Expectation	Actual	R e m a r k s	
11.	Chamber of Pre heating, Cooling, pipe line, Inner wall of tunnel, Electric Heating pipe & Appearance parts	MOC : SS304			
12.	VFD	Brand: Schneider Model: ATV12HU15M2(1.5kw ATV12H037M2(0.37k w			
13.	PLC	Brand : Siemens Model : CPU226CN			
14.	MMI	Brand : Siemens Model : IPC677C			
15.	TEMPERATURE S				
16.	Pre Heating Sterilization area in high temperature	Brand : Tianmu Model : KSZ620/43(B)-13-45 Brand : Tianmu Model : GAWRN2- 138-370			
	Air make up port in high temperature zone	Brand : JUMO Model : 901050/10- 402-80-618/000			
	In the outlet of heating seat of high temperature zone	Brand : Tianmu Model : GAWRN2- 138-270			
	Temperature in the outlet of cooling zone	Brand : Tianmu Model : GAWRN2- 138-370			
17.	PRESSURE TRANS	l l			
	Check the differential pressure between preheating	Brand: Ashcroft Model :CX8MB242 60PA			



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Verifi	Verification criteria				
S.No.	Component	Expectation	Actual	R e m a r k s	
	zone, high temperature zone and cooling zone and washing room, the differential pressure between washing room and filling room				
18.	DIFFERENTIAL PR	ESSURE GAUGE :			
	Differential pressure between up and down of the filter in Preheating zone	Brand: Duwei Model : D2000-500Pa			
	Differential pressure between preheating zone and washing Room	Brand: Duwei Model : D2000-60Pa			
	Differential pressure between up and down of the filter in high temperature zone	Brand: Duwei Model : D2000-500Pa			
	Differential pressure between high temperature zone& washing room	Brand: Duwei Model : D2000-500Pa			
	Differential pressure between up and down of the filter in cooling zone	Brand: Duwei Model : D2000-500Pa			
	Differential pressure between cooling zone & washing room	Brand: Duwei Model : D2000-60Pa			



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Verific	Verification criteria				
S.No.	Component	Expectation	Actual	R e m a r k s	
	Differential pressure between chamber of preheating zone and washing room	Brand: Duwei Model : D2300-250Pa			
	Differential pressure between chamber of heating zone and washing room	Brand: Duwei Model : D2300-250Pa			
	Differential pressure between chamber of cooling zone and washing room	Brand: Duwei Model : D2300-250Pa			
	Differential pressure between chamber of dehumidify and exhaust pipeline and washing room	Brand: Duwei Model : D2300-1KPa			
	Differential pressure between chamber of exhaust pipeline of cooling zone and washing room	Brand: Duwei Model : D2300-1KPa			
19.	Safety Features	 Emergency Stop Independent Emergency Heater Cut Off facility upon high temperature. Blowers not ON/ Tripped – Heater gets OFF. Different password levels (At least Three) in PLC for recipe setting and operation 			



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5.0 TESTS & CHECKS:

5.1 HEAT DISTRIBUTION STUDY:

A) OBJECTIVE:

- To ensure that the Sterilization & Depyrogenation Tunnel when operated with Empty Chamber is capable of producing the Temperature Profiles as per the temperature set points set in the PLC of the equipment.
- To ensure that the Temperature Distribution is uniform throughout the Sterilization & Depyrogenation Period of different size of ampoules i.e. 1 ml, 2 ml, 3 ml & 5 ml.
- Single Run shall be performed to qualify the measurement of the Temperature throughout the Chamber by 12 Temperature Sensors during the Sterilization and Depyrogenation Cycle.

B) PROCEDURE

- Suspend the probe in the chamber in different position in such a way that probes don't touch any metallic surface.
- Connect the probes to suitable data logger, which can scan and print the actual temperature observed at different locations with respect to time.
- Operate the Sterilizing & Depyrogenating Tunnel .Also start the data logger to record the actual temperatures with respect to time.
- After completion of Sterilization Cycle "Switch OFF" the data logger.
- Collect printout from the printer of Sterilizing & Depyrogenating Tunnel.
- Download the data from the data logger in the computer for the data analysis and printing enclosed the printout obtained from the data logger.
- Following formulas shall be used for Calculation of Conveyor Belt Speed & Sterilization:

Belt Speed in mm = $\frac{\text{(Ampoule Diameter)}^2 \text{ X } \cos 30 \text{ X } \text{Washing M/C Out put}}{\text{(Ampoule Diameter)}^2 \times \cos 30 \text{ X } \text{Washing M/C Out put}}$

Tunnel Conveyor Width
Sterilization hold time = Length of sterilization Zone

Conveyor Belt Speed

C) ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA:

A Minimum Exposure Time of Total 03 minutes should be achieved at Depyrogenation temperature of 300 $^{\circ}$ C & above.

D) OBSERVATIONS AND RESULTS:

• Record the temperature in Annexure: I



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ANNEXURE: I

Name of Cycle	1		Ampoule Siz	æ	l ml
Equipment Name			Equipment I	Make	
Equipment Make					
Set Parameters:					
Paramet	ers	Se	et Value	Obse	erved Value
Cycle Start Date / Time					
Relative Humidity of Ar	ea				
No. Of In-built Tempera	ature Sensors				
Conveyor Start Temp.					
Conveyor Stop Temp.					
Conveyor Belt Speed					
Pressure differentials (D	rying Zone)				
Pressure differentials (S					
Pressure differentials (C	Cooling Zone)				
Minimum Temperature					
Maximum Temperature	,				
Total Cycle Time					
Sterilization Zone Expos	sure Time				
Result					
Cold Spot					
Cycle End Date / Time					



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FH Calculation & Endotoxin Test Report:

S.	Probe	De-pyro	genating	Duration of D	e-pyrogenating	F _H Value	Reduction	Remarks
No.	No.	Tempe	erature		erature		of	
				·	& Above)		Endotoxin	
		Maximum	Minimum	From	To			
Acce	eptance	Criteria -		•		NLT 30 min.	NLT 3 log	
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5.2 HEAT PENETRATION STUDY:

A) OBJECTIVE:

- To ensure that, heat is sufficiently penetrating into the innermost portion of the Ampoule subjected for sterilization & Depyrogenation to achieve desired temperature i.e. more then 300°C during the sterilization & Depyrogenation cycle.
- Loaded chamber Heat Penetration Studies shall be conducted for single cycle with Temperature Probes for Different ampoule size i.e. 1 ml, 2 ml, 3 ml, & 5 ml ampoules.
- To ensure that, Heat is sufficiently penetrating into the innermost portion of the Ampoule subjected for Sterilization & Depyrogenation to achieve desired Temperature i.e. More Than 300°C using Endotoxin Challenge Test.
- The recovery of Endotoxin Concentration after exposing to Sterilization & Depyrogenation Tunnel should show more than 3 log reduction.
- Single run shall be performed to qualify the measurement of the Temperature throughout the tunnel by 12 Temperature Sensors during the sterilization cycle.

B) EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

• Calibrated Data Logger with 12 Probes.

C) PROCEDURE:

- Conduct the study with loaded chamber for single cycle with Calibrated Temperature probes of each Ampoule size..
- Suspend the 12 Temperature Sensors inside the ampoule and put into tunnel for Heat Penetration Study.
- Record the position of the probes in a representative schematic form.
- Insert 9 Endotoxin Ampoules (Marked Ampoules) having 10000 EU each along with the temperature sensors.
- Connect the probes to suitable data logger, which can scan and print the actual temperature observed at different locations with respect to time.
- Operate the Sterilizing & Depyrogenating Tunnel.
- Also start the data logger to record the actual temperatures within the Tunnel with respect to time.
- After completion of sterilization cycle collect printout from tunnel printer.



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- Download the data from the data logger in the computer for the data analysis and printing enclosed the printout obtained from the data logger.
- Seal the exposed Endotoxin Ampoules and wrap the exposed Endotoxin Challenge Ampoules aseptically with sterile Aluminium foil and identify suitably. Send the exposed Endotoxin Challenge Ampoules to microbiology laboratory for testing. Microbiologist shall analyze the exposed Endotoxin Challenge Ampoules and recovery of Endotoxin.
- Calculate the F_H Value as per following formula :-

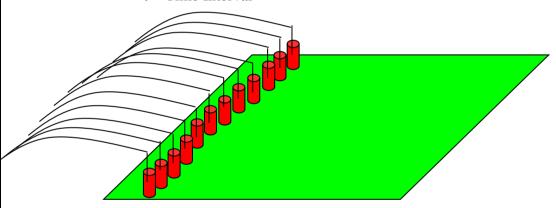
 $F_H = \Delta t X 10^{(T-300/Z)}$

Where

T= Observed Temp. During sterilization

 $Z = 46.6^{\circ}C$

t = Time Interval



Schematic Diagram of Sterilization and Depyrogenation Tunnel with Probe Location

D) ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA:

- Throughout the dwell time, all temperature measured in the chamber should be $\geq 300^{\circ}$ C.
- The recovery of Endotoxin concentration after exposing in Sterilization and De pyrogenation Tunnel should show at least 3 log reduction.
- The Calculated minimum F_H value should be more than.

E) OBSERVATIONS AND RESULTS:

• Record the temperature in ANNEXURE: II



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ANNEXURE: II

Sterilization Cycle Parameter:

Name of Cycle	Ampoule Size	1 ml
Equipment Name	Equipment Make	
Equipment Make	Speed	

Set Parameters:

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Parameters	Set Value	Observed Value
Washing Done On		
Cycle Start Date / Time		
No. Of In-built Temperature Sensors		
Conveyor Start Temp.		
Conveyor Stop Temp.		
Conveyor Belt Speed		
Pressure differentials (Drying Zone)		
Pressure differentials (Sterilization Zone)		
Pressure differentials (Cooling Zone)		
Minimum Temperature		
Maximum Temperature		
Sterilization Zone Exposure Time		
Total Cycle Time		
Result		
Cold Spot		
Cycle End Date / Time		



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FH Calculation & Endotoxin Test Report:

S. No.	Probe No.		ogenating erature		e-pyrogenating erature	F _H Value	Reduction of	Remarks
					& Above)		Endotoxin	
		Maximum	Minimum	From	To			
Acce	ptance	Criteria -		<u> </u>		NLT 30 min.	NLT 3 log	
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6.0 OPERATIONAL CONTOL FUNCTION CHECKS:

S.No.		Operation	Observation	Remarks
1.	•	Take trial of the machine on the site by operating the machine with 1 ml, 2 ml 3 ml & 5 ml glass ampoule).	•	
2.	•	Ampoules are loaded on infeed turntable of washing machine, which will be carried forward to infeed of the tunnel. From here the ampoule enters the tunnel and carried forward by the conveyor.		
	•	The Ampoule should be carried smoothly through the tunnel to outfeed.		
	•	The conveyor speed should be adjustable from the operator interface.	•	
	•	The heating should be controlled according to the set value on operator interface.		
	•	The heater bank is being controlled on the temperature of two temperature sensors in the sterilization zone.		
	•	The set points and cycle data should be		



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S.No.	Operation	Observation	Remarks
	printed by the printer. The printing interval		
	can be settable on PLC.		
	The alarms are being displayed and		
	acknowledged on the MMI.		
	Machine should not make any abnormal		
	sound or vibration during operation		
	MMI & PLC support should be available		
	during Auto operation.		
	There should be manual /maintenance		
	mode/ validation mode in which machine		
	can be operated to perform maintenance		
	activity / PAO tests/particle count etc.		
	Before starting the tunnel the PLC should		
	require to enter the Product, Batch		
	Number by the operator.		
	The data printed by the printer should		
	print the Product, Batch number, recipe		
	before the start of cycle.		
	• The printer should also print every stage,		
	alarm with date irrespective of print		
	interval time and temperature of the		
	various zones as well as the conveyor		
3.	speed at the set print interval. Cooling effect:		
J.	Adjust the cooling effect by adjusting the		
	speed of conveying belt		
4.	Linkage Control:		
	• When the tunnel temperature doesn't reach the		
	set value, the Washing machine cannot start.		
	When Ampoules cram for the tunnel, the		
	washing machine stops		
	• When Ampoules cram for the tunnel, the		
	tunnel stops.		
5.	Alarm & indication:		
	• LF fan overload		
	• Temperature too high in the outlet of heating		
	zone		
	• Temperature doesn't meet the requirement in		
	_		
	heating zone The programs inside the air head deepn't reach		
	• The pressure inside the air hood doesn't reach		
	the setting value during working Differential		



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S.No.	Operation	Observation	Remarks
	pressure of room is abnormal.		
6.	Running control:		
	During running, touch the button "parameter		
	setting" on the production interface gently and		
	set the temperature required by process. Open		
	the mode of daytime start and automatic running		
	of conveying belt. When the temperature reaches		
	the set value, the washing machine starts		
	working and the tunnel also starts working.		
7.	Endotoxin reduction:		
	1000 EU/ML ,at least 3 log reduction		
8.	Validation Ports :		
	Should be available for giving in PAO smoke		
	before HEPA for all zones		
9.	Operational Interlocks :		
	Intake and exhaust blowers cannot be		
	switched OFF until the chamber temp is		
	below the set point.		
	Temp falls below set point – Conveyor stops		
	and restarts after the set delay after		
	temperature achieving		
	In feed max accumulation – Washing		
	machine Inadequate in feed – conveyor stops after a delay period		
	 Outfeed max accumulation – Conveyor stop 		
	immediately and the heater banks get off		
	after a delay time.		
	Any of the blowers OFF – Heater and		
	conveyor gets OFF		
	Out feed Ampoule temperature high –		
	Conveyor stops		
10.	• The recipe setting and operation should be		
	with different password levels.		
	The following parameters should be		
	settable as a part of recipe.		
	Control Temperature (°C)Conveyor start temperature (°C)		
	Conveyor start temperature (°C)Conveyor stop temperature (°C)		
	Conveyor start / restart delay (seconds)		
	Start up delay (seconds)		
	 Over shoot temperature (°C) 		
	o Conveyor speed (mm/min)		
	The following inputs should be required to		
	start the process of the Tunnel		



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S.No.	Operation	Observation	Remarks
	 Product – Alphanumeric 8 digit 		
	 Batch Number – Alphanumeric 8 digit 		
	○ Run Number – 04 digit		
	 Operator code – Alphanumeric 8 digit 		
11.	Documents:		
	Following document should be available/ will be		
	available with machine.		
	MOC certificates of conveyor		
	MOC of Pre- heating, Heating, cooling and		
	stabilizing zone chambers		
	Test certificates of HEPA Filters (Efficiency)		
	and integrity)		
	Test certificate of blowers		
	Test certificate of Magnehelic gauges		
	Test certificates of RTDs		
	Test certificate of motors		
	Operating and maintenance manual.		
	As built architectural, electrical and P & ID		
	Drawing		

OBSER	VED DEVIATION	S/DISCUSSIC	DNS:	
RECO	MMENDATION:			



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10.0 DOCUMENTS:

- All MOC Certificates, Manual for Bought out items
- Design Qualification protocol.
- Installation Qualification protocol.
- Operational Qualification protocol.
- Schematic Diagram of machine showing Overall Dimensions.
- Instrument list with manufacturer's calibration certificate.
- Electrical unit Diagram.
- P & ID Diagram / G.A Drawing.
- Operating & Service Manual
- Spare Part List.
- Warranty Certificate of machine
- Test Certificate of SS Materials



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11.0 **ABBREVIATIONS:**

cGMP **Current Good Manufacturing Practices**

ISPE International Society of Pharmaceutical Engineering

Current Good Engineering Practices cGEP :

DQ **Design Qualification** :

IQ **Installation Qualification**

Operational Qualification OQ

MOC Material of Construction :

SS Stainless Steel

World Health Organization WHO

Volt

Millimeter mm

WG Water Gauge

Hertz Hz V

Copper Cu

Al Aluminum