

# Nicolet iN5 Microscope Site and Safety Guide

## Manual Conventions

The following conventions are used in this manual to draw your attention to important information:



**DANGER** Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

**WARNING** Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

**CAUTION** Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.



**NOTICE** Follow instructions with this label to avoid damaging the system hardware or losing data.

**Note** Contains helpful supplementary information.

## Site Preparation

The following table lists some of the safety symbols and their indications that may appear in the user documentation.

Symbol	Description	Symbol	Description
	This is a mandatory action symbol. It is used to indicate that an action shall be taken to avoid a hazard.		
	This is a prohibition symbol. The graphic in this symbol is used to alert the user to actions that shall not be taken or shall be stopped.		
	This is the general warning sign. Failure to heed the safety precautions could result in personal injury.		
	Alternating current		Earth terminal or ground
	Direct current		Fuse

Symbol	Description	Symbol	Description
	Protective conductor terminal		Power on
	Frame or chassis terminal	○	Power off



### CAUTION

- **Avoid personal injury.** If this equipment is used in a manner not specified in the accompanying documentation, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.
- **Avoid personal injury.** Perform only those procedures described in the documentation. If there are other problems, contact us. Any other service must be performed by trained personnel.
- **Avoid shock hazard.** Do not remove the cover of the instrument. All service to the instrument must be performed by trained personnel.

### When the Instrument Arrives

Check the exterior of the shipping box for signs of damage. If damage is apparent, contact us or your local distributor for instructions.

- Move the shipping box to the installation location at least 24 hours before installation.
- While moving the instrument to the installation location, keep upright.

### NOTICE

- Inside the shipping box, the instrument is sealed in a plastic bag to keep unit dry.
- Allow 24 hours for the instrument to reach room temperature before opening the bag.
- If the bag is opened before the instrument reaches room temperature, moisture could condense on the optical components and cause permanent damage.

### Note

- It is important to have all system utilities installed before the spectrophotometer arrives
- Utility installations must comply with all local building and safety codes.

### Lifting or Moving the Instrument

To avoid risk of injury, use proper lifting techniques when lifting or moving the instrument or other system components.

### Workspace Considerations

- **iN5 instrument weight:** 64 lbs (29 kg)
  - iN5 instrument + accessories + domestic shipping box 143 lbs (65 kg)
  - iN5 instrument + accessories + international shipping crate 212 lbs (96 kg)
- **Dimensions:** 35 cm (L), 66 cm (W), 56 cm (H)

- **Computer:**
  - Plan for location of the computer, monitor and keyboard
  - A standard USB A-B data cable is required to connect the instrument to the computer

#### NOTICE

- Do not position the instrument so that it is difficult to operate the cable connections and power switch.
- Use a heavy-duty table that is strong enough to support the weight of the instrument and any other items that you plan to place on the table.
  - The table must not visibly flex or otherwise deform when the instrument is placed on it.
  - A flat and stable table top is essential to maintain proper alignment of components and the beam path.

Maintaining proper alignment is necessary for instrument stability. (For more details see [Vibration](#).)

### Electrical Service Specifications

- Maximum Power 3.5 W
- DC Voltage  $\pm 12V$ , +5V

### Temperature and Humidity

- Designed for indoor use at altitudes up to 2,000 m (6,500 ft)
- Operates reliably at temperatures between 16 °C and 27 °C
- Maintain humidity at 20% to 80% non-condensing
- Avoid damage to the optical components
  - Do not place system near sources of air conditioning ducts or large windows
  - Do not place system near sources of heat, such as heating ducts, hot plates or heating mantles
- Purge the system with clean, dry air or nitrogen
- Avoid rapid changes in temperature that may cause condensation

### Storage

- When stored in the original shipping container, the instrument can be exposed to temperatures from -20 °C to 60 °C without damage to the instrument
- Maximum humidity for storage is 85 %RH, non-condensing, between 20 °C to 60 °C

### Vibration

- The instrument will perform better in a mechanically stable environment
- Keep instrument away from machinery that may vibrate the floor
- Minimize or eliminate acoustic noise and vibration wherever possible
- Consider placing instrument on a marble top table or counter

Floor vibration or acoustical noise from heavy manufacturing equipment, computer equipment, or other sources will not damage the system, but it can affect performance and spectral quality.

### Magnetic and Electric Fields

- Place instrument at least 5.5 m (18 ft) away from magnetic fields
- Minimize or eliminate exposure to magnetic fields wherever possible
- Some wireless devices may also affect instrument performance. If this type of interference is suspected, move all wireless devices at least 2.0 m (6.5 ft) away from the instrument.

## Safety Precautions

### Purge Requirements

- The instrument contains precise optical components that may be damaged by a moist environment.
  - It is recommend installing a source of clean, dry air or nitrogen to purge the spectrometer
  - It is especially important if humidity levels are above 70% RH in the laboratory environment
- Optical damage caused by failure to maintain the desiccants or to purge the spectrometer is not covered under your warranty.
- You may also have a laboratory environment that contains solvents or other agents that can corrode spectrometer components.
  - Purging the spectrometer will better protect the components
- The interaction of chlorinated solvents, perfluorochlorinated solvents, or other solvents containing halogenated hydrocarbons (for example, Freon®) with an IR source can corrode spectrometer components.
  - Do not leave these solvents exposed around the spectrometer any longer than necessary.

### Selecting a Purge Gas



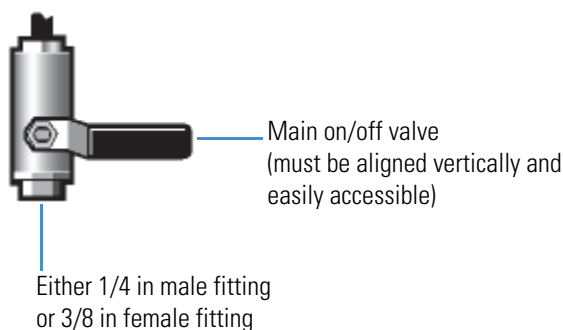
**WARNING** Avoid explosion hazard. Never use a flammable, combustible, or toxic gas to purge this instrument. The purge gas must be free of oil and other reactive materials. Heat from the source or from laser absorption may ignite flammable gases or reactive materials in purge gas. Use only dried air or nitrogen to purge your instrument.

Dry air and nitrogen are equally effective in eliminating water vapor and volatile solvents, but nitrogen will remove carbon dioxide from your spectrum more effectively. The purge gas must be free of moisture, oil, and other reactive materials. To remove particulate matter and oil, you may need to install a 10-micrometer filter. Dry air or nitrogen supplied for purge should be dried to a dew point of  $-70^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-94^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) or below for best performance.

**NOTICE** Do not use argon as a purge gas. Argon is an insulator and prevents the system from cooling properly.

### Installing Purge Gas Fittings

If you plan to purge the instrument, you must install the purge line and on/off valve before the instrument arrives. The source line pressure delivered to the pressure regulator must be at least 1.4 bar (138 kPa, or 20 psig) and must not exceed 7 bar (700 kPa, or 100 psig), with a minimum flow rate of 20 SCFH.



A pressure regulator is required at 20 psig. If the purge kit was purchased with the system, our service representative will install a pressure regulator and flowmeter. This will maintain pressure and flow for optimal data collection. See the “Service” section of the user guide for more detailed information.

**Note** It is important to have all system utilities installed before the spectrometer arrives. Utility installations must comply with all local building and safety codes.

### Purge Gas Generators

If your facility does not have a source of clean, dry compressed air or nitrogen for system purge, we recommend using a purge gas generator. It cleans and dries the air supplied by an air compressor so it can be used to purge the instrument. If your facility does not have an air compressor, a complete dry-air generating system is available. Contact our sales or service representative in your area for more information.

**NOTICE** If using a purge gas generator:

- Position it as far from the instrument as practical to reduce noise and vibration.
- Purge gas generators require a minimum pressure for proper operation. Failure to supply this pressure may allow moisture to enter the system, causing permanent damage.
- Read the manufacturer’s instructions before installing air-drying equipment or performing any maintenance. The installation and maintenance of air-drying equipment is your responsibility. Failure to perform routine maintenance as specified by the manufacturer may void your instrument warranty.
- Before connecting a new air dryer to the instrument, it is vital to purge the dryer of water and particulates by running it for at least 12 hours at nominal air flow. Otherwise, there is risk of severe damage to the instrument when you connect the pure air dryer.

**Liquid Nitrogen**

Some detectors must be cooled with liquid nitrogen before use. Follow your organization’s Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and handling guidelines when working with liquid nitrogen.



**WARNING** Avoid freeze burns. Liquid nitrogen is extremely cold and therefore potentially hazardous.

- Wear protective equipment and follow standard laboratory safety practices.
- To avoid hazardous contact with liquid nitrogen, make sure any dewar or container used to hold liquid nitrogen can do so safely without breaking.
- When filling the dewar, be careful not to contact the liquid nitrogen with your skin. Fill the dewar slowly. Cooling the detector too quickly may cause the dewar to rapidly boil off liquid nitrogen.

**Hazardous Materials Including Corrosives and Flammables**

Spectroscopic analysis may involve the use of solvents or samples which are volatile or corrosive.



**WARNING** Avoid an explosion or fire hazard. This instrument or accessory is not designed for use in an explosive atmosphere.



**CAUTION** Avoid personal injury. Do not leave solvents or flammable samples near the instrument. Be sure that the workspace is properly ventilated.

- Use appropriate personal protective equipment when handling these samples
- Solvents and corrosives may damage the surfaces or structure of the instrument if spilled on it
- When working with volatile materials, ensure proper workspace ventilation to minimize entry of vapors into the interior of the instrument

### Corrosive Solvents



**WARNING** Avoid toxic inhalation hazard. Materials such as hydrochloric acid, hydrofluoric acid and phosgene are highly toxic. If regular use of solvents containing halogenated hydrocarbons is desired, be sure the work area is properly ventilated.

Using solvents that may produce HCl or HF vapors in the sample compartment may severely damage the system. If using halogenated solvents, such as those listed below, purging the instrument with dry, clean air or nitrogen is strongly recommended. Equipment damage due to failure to purge is not covered under the warranty. (For questions about this, please contact us.) The following is a list of commonly used halogenated solvents:

- Freon
- Methylene chloride
- Trichloroethylene
- Chloroform
- Carbon tetrachloride

### Biohazard or Radioactive Materials and Infectious Agents



**WARNING** Reduce the risk associated with potentially infectious samples:

- Do not spill samples on any of the instrument components
- If spill occurs, disinfect the external surfaces immediately following your laboratory protocols
- Follow your organization's Biosafety Program protocols for working with and/or handling potentially infectious materials
  - Individuals should be trained according to applicable regulatory and organization requirements before working with potentially infectious materials

- Do Not return to us any instruments, accessories, components or other associated materials that have been contaminated with biohazard or radioactive materials, infectious agents, or any other materials and/or conditions that could constitute a health or injury hazard to employees
  - Biological samples such as tissues, body fluids, infectious agents, and blood of humans and other animals have the potential to transmit infectious diseases
- Contact us if you have questions about decontamination requirements

## Cleaning



**CAUTION** Avoid shock hazard. Turn off power before cleaning.

### NOTICE

- Do not use harsh detergents, solvents, chemicals or abrasives
- Do not allow liquid to run onto optical surfaces
- Do not attempt to clean or touch the mirror surfaces

Clean the outside of the spectrometer with a damp (not wet), soft cloth and a mild soap.

## Contact Us

For U.S. Technical Support, please contact:

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