

# Technical Data Sheet

## Addixx Inert Box

### IB-K172507SR\*



#### Versions

**IB-K172507SR (Glass window)**

**IB- K172507SR-Qz (Quartz window)**

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**IB-K172507SR**



**IB-K172507SR**

The Inert Box **IB-K172507SR**, for which a patent application has been filed, can be used for processing substrates under inert conditions, for example for UV or electron beam curing (EB) or for works which must be carried out under inert conditions (exclusion of aerial oxygen). Gases such as nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>), carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) or noble gases can be used as inert gases. The **Addix Inert Box IB-K172507SR** stands out for its lower height (approx. 7 cm) compared to the Addix Inert Box K-SV; this is of special importance in case of low-built conveyerised systems.

The Inert Box **IB-K172507SR** consists of a bottom part with a perforated bottom plate (for fixing substrates) and a lid (top); it is equipped with a gas inlet and a gas outlet, as well as a window for irradiating substrates (special-purpose glass) in the lid. The Inert Box can quickly and easily be closed or opened by means of 4 plastic screws.

The Inert Box may be used both for stationary and mobile processing, e.g. on conveyerised systems. To that end, for example, a lacquer coated substrate (e.g. wood, glass, metal, paper, etc., recommended size of the substrate approx. 135x235x40 mm or 160x210x40mm) is put into the Inert Box. The Inert Box is connected to an inert gas source, filled with inert gas, and subsequently irradiated.

For **stationary** operation, the Inert Box is connected directly to an inert gas cylinder or to any other inert gas source. At the gas outlet, the inert gas can be released by means of a hose to the exhaust or through a window outside. Irradiation is done directly during inertisation.

For **mobile** operation, for example, on conveyerised systems (conveyor belts), optionally one or two closing valves are supplied together with the box (version **IB-K172507SR-1V** or **IB-K172507SR-2V**). Inertisation is done until a defined residual O<sub>2</sub> concentration has been reached. As soon as it has been achieved, the valves are closed manually, the inlet valve is separated from the inert gas source, the Inert Box is placed on the conveyor belt, and then run with constant residual oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) concentration at a specified speed under the irradiation source.

The interior walls of the Inert Box are optionally equipped with a diffusely reflecting aluminium foil, in order to make use of the irradiation reflected by the walls, in addition to direct irradiation, for UV curing (version **IB-K172507SR-AI**). This version is also available with one or two valves as a complete version (version **IB-K172507SR-AI-1V** or version **IB-K172507SR-AI-2V**).

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The measurement of the residual O<sub>2</sub> concentration in the Inert Box **IB-K172507SR** can easily be made "externally" by means of our oxygen measuring cell **IB-MZ-001** (see separate data sheet). For this purpose, gas is introduced from an inert gas source through the open gas inlet valve into the Inert Box. The open gas outlet valve is connected with the measuring cell by means of a hose and it is flooded with the gas from the Inert Box **IB-K172507SR**. While doing so, the current residual O<sub>2</sub> concentration is continuously determined and displayed. The escaping gas is then released by means of a hose to an exhaust or through a window outside. When the desired residual O<sub>2</sub> concentration has been achieved, the two lock valves of the Inert Box are closed, and the Inert Box is separated from the gas source and the measuring cell. Subsequently, e.g. UV curing can be performed on a conveyor belt.

### **Maße der Inert-Box IB-K172507SR:**

Interior dimensions bottom area: approx. 165x240 mm (LxW)

Interior dimensions bottom part of the box (upper edge): approx. 165x242 mm (LxW)

Overall dimensions: approx. 175x240 mm (LxW)

Dimensions window for irradiating: approx. 137x187 mm (LxW)

Overall minimum height: approx. 75 mm

Recommended max. dimensions of substrate:

approx. 135x135x40 mm (LxWxH) or

approx. 160x210x40 mm (LxWxH)

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### **Handling and Safety Instructions:**

1. When dealing with inert gases, it is absolutely necessary to ensure a good ventilation of the rooms or that the inert gases are released to an exhaust or outside.

**You must never work in any unventilated rooms!!**

**Please make sure to always observe the safety instructions of the inert gas supplier**

and to perform measurements of the gas concentration in the work area, if applicable, in particular in connection with heavy inert gases (argon, carbon dioxide, etc.)!!

2. The Inert Box **IB-K172507SR** is made of plastic (polycarbonate) and a glass panel glued into the box. A result thereof is a sensitivity to very extreme mechanical strain! Therefore the Inert Box should not be thrown on the floor or dropped! If there are any cracks in the glass panel, no constant tests can be made due to leakage of the Inert Box. In this case or in case of any destruction of the plastic housing, the Inert Box must be replaced. Danger of injury!!
3. The Inert Box **IB-K172507SR** is made of polycarbonate, and accordingly it must not be cleaned with any solvents, such as acetone or butyl acetate. We recommend to clean the Inert Box and the glass panel with alcohols, such as ethanol or isopropanol.
4. When closing the Inert Box **IB-K172507SR**, please make sure that there are no parts of the body (fingers, etc.) or pieces of clothing (ties, etc.) in the closure area. Attention!! Danger of injury!!
5. Before use of the Inert Box **IB-K172507SR**, please make sure to carefully remove the protective foil from the glass panel of the window, and prior to any use, the glass panel should (always) be thoroughly cleaned on both sides, e.g. with a cloth soaked with isopropanol or glass cleaning agents!
6. When flooding the Inert Box with inert gas, you should always only work with low gas pressure (max. 0.1 – 0.3 bar pressure) in order to prevent e.g. that the hose connections blow off the Inert Box or that the Inert Box is "blown up"!
7. **Attention:** The Inert Box **IB-K172507SR** must not be flooded with any reactive or caustic gases (e.g. F<sub>2</sub>, Cl<sub>2</sub>, Br<sub>2</sub>, fluorocarbons (FCs), SO<sub>x</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S, HF, HCl, HBr, etc.), outgassing products, and with any solvents or gases of solvents!! Do not use any explosive gas mixtures!!

**Inert gases should be used only!!**

Subject to technical changes.

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### Photographs:



IB-K172507SR Gas inlet



IB-K172507SR Gas outlet



IB-K172507SR Window for irradiating



IB-K172507SR Gas inlet valve



IB-K172507SR Open Inert Box

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