



INSTALLATION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL
WELKER LIQUID ELIMINATOR

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LE-5

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IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS



Notes emphasize information and/or provide additional information to assist the user.



Caution messages appear before procedures that could result in damage to equipment if not observed.



Warning messages appear before procedures that could result in personal injury if not observed.

This manual is intended to be used as a basic installation and operation guide for the Welker Liquid Eliminator, LE-5. For comprehensive instructions, please refer to the IOM Manuals for each individual component. A list of relevant component IOM Manuals is provided in Appendix A of this manual.

The information in this manual has been carefully checked for accuracy and is intended to be used as a guide for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the Welker equipment described in this manual. Correct installation and operation, however, are the responsibility of the end user. Welker reserves the right to make changes to this manual and all products in order to improve performance and reliability.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Read these instructions completely and carefully.

IMPORTANT – Save these instructions for local inspector's use.

IMPORTANT – Observe all governing codes and ordinances.

Note to Installer – Leave these instructions with the end user.

Note to End User – Keep these instructions for future reference.

Installation of this Liquid Eliminator is of a mechanical nature.

Proper installation is the responsibility of the installer. Product failure due to improper installation is not covered under the warranty.

If you received a damaged Liquid Eliminator, please contact a Welker representative immediately.

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1.1 Introduction

We appreciate your business and your choice of Welker products. The installation, operation, and maintenance liability for this equipment becomes that of the purchaser at the time of receipt. Reading the applicable *Installation, Operation, and Maintenance (IOM) Manuals* prior to installation and operation of this equipment is required for a full understanding of its application and performance prior to use.*

If you have any questions, please call Welker at 1-281-491-2331.

**The following procedures have been written for use with standard Welker parts and equipment. Assemblies that have been modified may have additional requirements and specifications that are not listed in this manual.*

1.2 Product Description

The Welker *LE-5* Liquid Eliminator is designed to protect an analyzer from damage and contamination by removing liquids from gas samples.

As gas enters the LE-5, centripetal force and a replaceable cartridge assembly separates free liquids from the sample stream. The separated free liquids drain from the LE-5, allowing the dry gas stream to flow to the analyzer.

Welker may custom design the LE-5 to suit the particular application and specifications of each customer.

1.3 Specifications



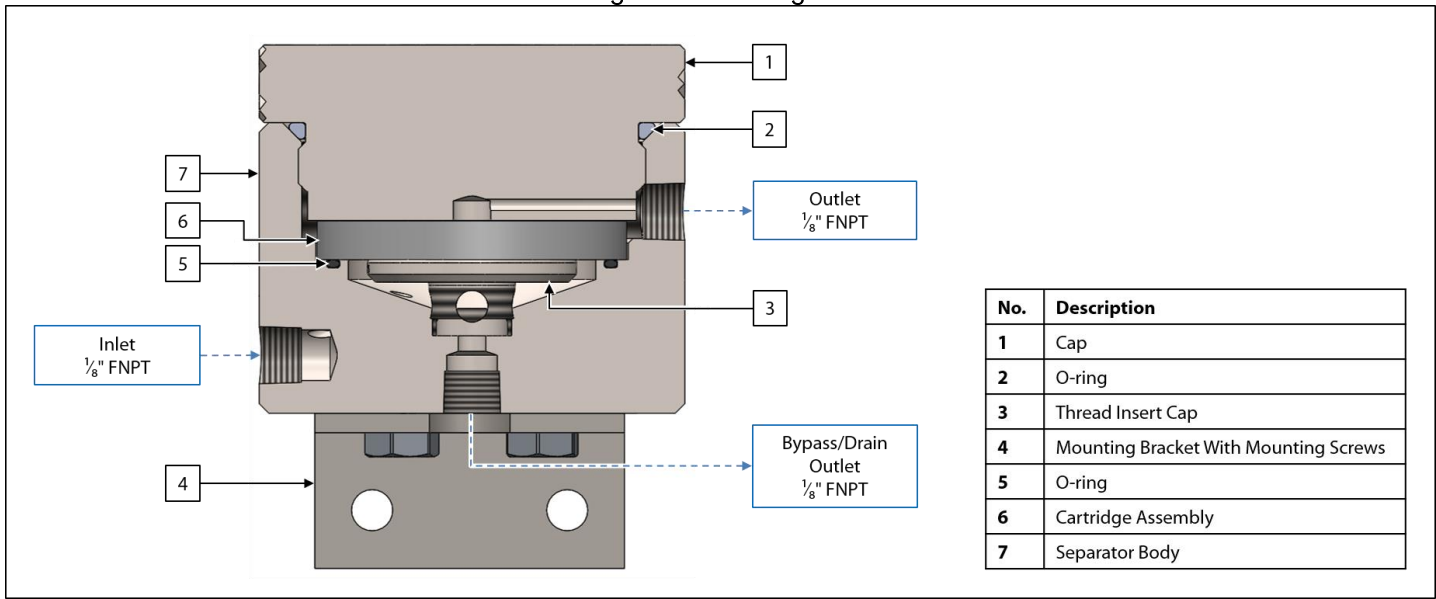
The specifications listed in this section are generalized for this equipment. Welker can modify the equipment according to your company's needs. **Please note that the specifications may vary depending on the customization of your equipment.**

Table 1: LE-5 Specifications

Application	Liquid Removal
Products	Gases Compatible With the Materials of Construction
Materials of Construction	304 Stainless Steel, 316/316L Stainless Steel, PTFE, Teflon® Viton®
Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure	2160 psig @ -20 °F to 300 °F (<i>148 barg @ -28 °C to 148 °C</i>)
Maximum Allowable Outlet Flow Rate	4200 cc per Minute @ 25 psig (<i>1 barg</i>) Inlet (Resulting in Approximately 2 psid on Filter Element) 11000 cc per Minute @ 740 psig (<i>51 barg</i>) Inlet (Resulting in Approximately 2 psid on Filter Element)
Connections	Bypass/Drain: 1/8" FNPT Inlet: 1/8" FNPT Outlet: 1/8" FNPT
Filter Media	25 Micron Copolymer Filter Element 304 Stainless Steel Mesh Screens
Features	NACE Compliant Replaceable Cartridge Assembly Threaded Housing Cap

1.4 Equipment Diagram

Figure 1: LE-5 Diagram



SECTION 2: INSTALLATION & OPERATION

2.1 Before You Begin



After unpacking the unit, check the equipment for compliance and any damage that may have occurred during shipment. Immediately contact a Welker representative if you received damaged equipment.



When sealing fittings with PTFE tape, refer to the proper sealing instructions for the brand used.

2.2 Installation and Operation

1. Ensure that the cap is tightened (*Figure 1*).



When adding and removing the cap from the separator body, HAND-TIGHTEN ONLY. Using a vice may result in damage to the separator body and cause the LE-5 to malfunction.

2. Mount the LE-5 as close to the sample point as possible.



The LE-5 must be installed horizontally with the bypass / drain outlet pointing down.



Welker recommends installing a regulator and heater between the sample point and inlet of the LE-5 to ensure gas sample stream is provided at the temperature and pressure required for the instrumentation. A heater is recommended to recover heat lost during regulation to help maintain the gas phase of the sample stream.



DO NOT exceed the maximum allowable flow rate through the filter element.

3. Using $\frac{1}{8}$ " – $\frac{1}{4}$ " tubing, connect from the outlet on the customer regulator to the inlet port of the LE-5 (*Figure 1*).
4. Using $\frac{1}{8}$ " tubing, connect from the outlet port of the LE-5 to the analyzer (*Figure 1*).
5. Using $\frac{1}{4}$ " tubing, connect a valve to the bypass/drain outlet port of the LE-5 to continuously vent and drain any liquids separated from the sample stream (*Figure 1*).



Welker can install a rotameter with valve to the bypass/drain outlet port if requested at the time of order.



Welker recommends installing a Welker Bypass Recovery System to the bypass/drain outlet port.

6. Begin product flow to the LE-5 to put it into service.

7. Slightly open the bypass/drain valve to allow separated liquids to drain and ensure fresh gas is presented to the analyzer.



Liquids must drain at a minimum of 20 cc per minute to prevent liquid backup inside the LE-5.



The bypass/drain flow rate will vary by application. A minimum of 400 cc per minute is required for proper drainage.

SECTION 3: MAINTENANCE

3.1 Before You Begin

1. **Welker recommends that the unit have standard yearly maintenance.** Based on the operating conditions and/or site requirements, adjustments to the maintenance schedule may be necessary.
2. Prior to maintenance or disassembly of the unit, it is advisable to have a repair kit available for repairs of the system in case of unexpected wear or faulty seals.



New seals supplied in spare parts kits should be lightly lubricated before being installed to ease the installation of the seals and reduce the risk of damage when positioning them on parts. Wipe excess lubricant from the seals, as it may adversely affect analytical instrument results.



For sample-exposed seals, Welker recommends non-hydrocarbon-based lubricants, such as Krytox®.

For non-sample-exposed seals, Welker recommends either non-hydrocarbon-based lubricants or silicone-based lubricants, such as Molykote® 111.

3. All maintenance and cleaning of the unit should be performed on a smooth, clean surface.
4. Welker recommends having the following tools available for maintenance. Please note that the exact tools required may vary by model.
 - a. Disposable Gloves
 - b. Hex Key Set
 - c. Seal Pick
 - d. Small Adjustable Wrench

3.2 Maintenance

1. Halt product flow to the LE-5.
2. Depressurize the LE-5.
3. Unscrew the cap and remove from the separator body (*Figure 1*).



When adding and removing the cap from the separator body, HAND-TIGHTEN ONLY. Using a vice may result in damage to the separator body and cause the LE-5 to malfunction.

4. Remove and replace the O-rings (*Figure 1*).
5. Remove the cartridge assembly from the separator body (*Figure 1*).
6. Remove the thread insert cap (*Figure 1*).
7. Using a solvent, clean the inside of the separator body and porting.



Welker recommends using a solvent, such as rubbing alcohol, that does not leave a film when dry and will not adversely affect analytical instrument results.

8. Install and tighten the thread insert cap (*Figure 1*).
9. Install a replacement cartridge assembly to the separator body (*Figure 2*). Ensure that the screen is facing up to the outlet.

Figure 2: Cartridge Assembly Installation



10. Align the cap with the separator body, and then screw in the cap (*Figure 1*).



When adding and removing the cap from the separator body, HAND-TIGHTEN ONLY. Using a vice may result in damage to the separator body and cause the LE-5 to malfunction.

11. The LE-5 is now ready for installation. See *Section 2.2, Installation and Operation*, for instructions on installing the LE-5 and returning the unit to operation.

3.3 Troubleshooting

Table 3: LE-5 Troubleshooting		
Issues	Possible Causes	Solutions
There is restrictive flow through the LE-5 with the bypass/drain valve open.	The filter element is dirty, saturated, and flooded by liquids.	Replace the cartridge assembly. See <i>Section 3.2, Maintenance</i> , for instructions. Do not exceed the maximum allowable flow rate through the filter element.
There is overflow through the LE-5 with the bypass/drain valve open.	The filter element burst.	Replace the cartridge assembly. See <i>Section 3.2, Maintenance</i> , for instructions. Do not exceed the maximum allowable flow rate through the filter element.
Liquids are reaching the downstream analyzer.	The LE-5 is dirty, saturated, or was flooded by liquids.	Replace the cartridge assembly. See <i>Section 3.2, Maintenance</i> , for instructions. Do not exceed the maximum allowable outlet flow rate through the filter element.
	The maximum allowable outlet flow rate has been exceeded.	See <i>Table 1: LE-5 Specifications</i> to determine the proper outlet flow rate for the LE-5.

APPENDIX A: REFERENCED OR ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

Welker *Installation, Operation, and Maintenance (IOM) Manuals* suggested for use with this unit:

- None

Other *Installation, Operation, and Maintenance (IOM) Manuals* suggested for use with this unit:

- None

Welker drawings and schematics suggested for use with this unit:

- Assembly Drawing: AD935AA

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