

## Replacement Parts:

Part No.	Description
7724037	Foot, rubber
7751069	Switch, lid safety
7786029	Rotor lid
7786030	Rotor, six-place horizontal
7735049	Motor, 1/30 H.P., 115 V.A.C. permanent split capacitor
7735021	Motor, 1/25 H.P., 115 V.A.C. AC Type, (Model 643U Only)
7729006	Capacitor, 4uF, 250V A.C.
7717060	Electronic timing and locking board
7751043	Circuit Breaker
7760002	Power cord
7714101	Pawl, latch, lid
7714103	Knob, latch, lid
7712316	Lid
7724071	Hinge, friction
7732007	Seal, lid gasket
7713019	Tube holder, red, for 100mm tubes

## Available Accessories:

### 1525 Tube cushion

For 75mm tubes in the 8410 tube holder and 50mm and smaller tubes in the 8406 tube holder.

p/n 1525



### Non-aerosol shield caps

p/n 7713011



### 8406 Tube Holder

For 15mm x 75mm tubes and 13mm x 50mm tubes (w/ p/n 1525)  
p/n 7713024



Call The Drucker Company for information on ordering accessories at 1-814-342-6205.

**WARRANTY:** The Drucker Company warranties that this centrifuge is free from defects in workmanship and parts for 5,000 cycles or 24 months, whichever comes first. Should the centrifuge require warranty service, please contact The Drucker Company at (814) 342-6205.

  
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**horizon**  
**Horizontal Separation Centrifuge**

Programmable  
Run Time is Factory  
Preset to

**10**  
**MINUTES**

Instructions to  
change this setting  
are located on the  
rear of the  
centrifuge.

*This centrifuge is designed  
to accommodate test tubes  
up to 10mL,  
(15mm x 100mm).  
See page 7 for details.*



**Model**  
**643 / 643U**

**Operator's Manual**

Rev. 1.3

Laboratory Centrifuge

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**WARNING:** Care should be taken when handling substances that are known to be toxic, radioactive or contaminated with pathogenic microorganisms when using this centrifuge for the safety of both the operator and service personnel. When Risk Group II materials are used, (as identified in the World Health Organization "Laboratory Bio-Safety Manual"), a Bio-Seal should be employed. The Bio-Seal accessory for your Horizon tube holder is the non-aerosol shield cap, p/n 7713011. Contact your authorized dealer or The Drucker Company for assistance in ordering this part. More than one level of protection must be provided in the case of materials of a higher group. The use of flammable or explosive materials as well as those materials which chemically react vigorously is prohibited.

## Model Description:

The Horizon is a continuous duty, electronically controlled horizontal centrifuge with a lid safety interlock system. The unit is controlled by an electronic push-button timer that is variable from 1 to 30 minutes, for precise spin times and ease of use. Samples can be safely viewed through the transparent lid. Entry into the machine is restricted during operation by the safety interlock system. The Horizon features a lighted control panel that displays the status of the machine, easily viewable from a distance. Finally, a cycle counter keeps a count of the total number of machine runs for servicing and maintenance records. For warranty information, turn to page 12.

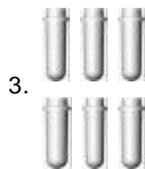
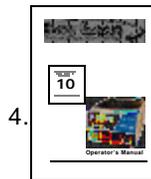
## Supplied Equipment\*:

The following items come standard with each Horizon centrifuge:

- One (1) Horizon centrifuge
- One (1) six-place horizontal rotor p/n 7786030
- Six (6) 100 mm test tube holders p/n 7713019
- One (1) Operator's manual p/n 7711004

## Optional Accessories\*:

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|-------------------------|-----|---------|
| 0.25" 9150 tube cushion | p/n | 9150    |
| 1.0" 1525 tube cushion  | p/n | 1525    |
| 75mm test tube holders  | p/n | 7713024 |



\* The rotor and rotor accessories are rated for a rotation frequency of 3,500 RPM, (a force of 1810 xg).

## Safety:

The Horizon model 643 complies with all requirements of UL standard 3101-2-20.

**Horizon Lid Safety Switch:** The Horizon lid is secured to the top of the cabinet by a latching knob and pawl system. When the knob is rotated clockwise, the pawl grips the underside of the cabinet opening and prevents the lid from opening. A mechanical stop positions the pawl and prevents it from rotating completely. When rotated to the stop position, the pawl makes contact with a micro-switch mounted underneath the cabinet top. The lid safety switch prevents the centrifuge from operating while the lid is open. An indicator light on the front of the machine will light up when the lid has been latched properly.

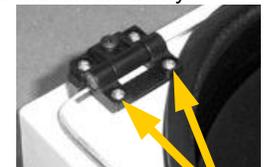
**Horizon Lid Safety Interlock System:** In addition to the Lid Safety Switch, the Horizon has a true "0 RPM" lid locking system. The lid safety interlock system keeps the lid locked at all times, (even during power failure), and requires that the rotor be at rest in order to unlock the lid. The centrifuge will not allow entry into the rotor chamber unless the centrifuge has power and the rotor is stopped. To open the lid, make sure that the centrifuge is plugged in and, with the rotor stopped, press the 'OPEN / EMERGENCY STOP' button.

**Note:** After the centrifuge has started spinning, it may be possible to rotate the lid knob enough to cause the pawl to lose contact with the lid safety switch. If this happens, the centrifuge motor may lose power, **but the lid will still remain locked.** If the knob is accidentally moved and this situation should occur, rotate the knob fully clockwise to its stop position and the centrifuge will resume operation.

**Circuit Breaker:** The Horizon is protected with a 4 Amp circuit breaker located at the rear of the machine mounted to the base. Any electrical short circuit will cause the breaker to cut power to the machine.

## Emergency Lid Removal:

In the event of power failure, it may be impossible to unlock the lid by conventional means. In this case, the lid must be removed to gain entry into the rotor chamber and remove samples. To remove the lid, first take out the four (4) screws holding the lid and hinge assembly together. Slide the lid to the right or left until it is clear to remove it. The centrifuge must be serviced before it can be safely used again.



Contact your authorized dealer or The Drucker Company.

**Remove these screws on both hinges**

## Calibration and Earth Ground Testing:

It is recommended that the top speed, ground continuity and line leakage be tested every 5,000 cycles for continued safe operation. Contact your authorized dealer or The Drucker Company for further information or testing availability.

## Troubleshooting:



### NOTE:

The latch must be turned completely clockwise to its stop position in order for the centrifuge to operate.



## Features:

- Swing-out horizontal rotor design (patent pending), incorporating a unique test tube holder that produces horizontally separated samples while requiring no additional parts
- Cool-Flow air flow design that prevents overheating of samples
- Heavy gauge steel construction for safety and durability
- Lid safety switch that prevents the centrifuge from operating unless the lid is closed and latched
- Removable rotor for easy cleaning
- Locking lid that allows entry into the centrifuge only after the rotor has completely stopped
- Brushless permanent split capacitor AC motor
- Clear lid for safe observation of samples and optical calibration of speed
- Optional tube holders specifically designed for 75mm test tubes
- Electronically controlled timed operation variable from 1 to 30 minutes, (instructions to change this setting are located on the rear of the centrifuge)
- Push-button operation
- Indicator lights:
 

'RUN'	green	-lights when power is applied to the motor
'LATCH'	yellow	-lights when the lid is closed and latched
'UNLOCKED'	red	-lights when the lock system is deactivated
- Cycle counter to monitor machine usage

## Specifications:

### General Specifications for the Horizon Centrifuge

<b>Nominal Speed Model 643 (at 115 V A.C.):</b>	3,150 (+/- 100) RPM
<b>Nominal RCF Model 643(w/ 100 mm tubes):</b>	1,465 (+/- 95) xg
<b>Nominal Speed Model 643U(at 115 V A.C.):</b>	1,700 (+/- 100) RPM
<b>Nominal RCF Model 643U (w/ 100 mm tubes):</b>	430 (+/- 50) xg
<b>Maximum capacity six-place:</b>	60 mL (6 x 10 mL)*
<b>Overall Dimensions (H x W x D):</b>	9 in. x 12.5 in. x 14.3 in.
<b>Centrifuge Motor:</b>	1/30 HP, p.s.c. motor
<b>Nominal Acceleration Time:</b>	45 seconds
<b>Protection Breaker:</b>	4 Amp. re-settable
<b>Timer:</b>	electronic, 1 to 30 minutes +/- 1%
<b>Current Requirement:</b>	1.46 Amps
<b>Voltage Requirement:</b>	115 Volts
<b>Frequency:</b>	60 Hz
<b>Weight</b>	23 lbs.

Any use other than those specified by the Manufacturer is explicitly prohibited.

\* Maximum sample density is 1.15 grams / mL, (water density = 1.00 grams / mL)

<b>1. Problem: The rotor does not spin freely.</b>
Solutions: - Make sure nothing has fallen into the rotor chamber. - If there is nothing obstructing the rotor, contact your authorized dealer or The Drucker Company for further assistance.
<b>2. Problem: Excessive noise when the machine is running.</b>
Solutions: - Check to see that the load is balanced. - Make sure that nothing has fallen into the rotor chamber. - Make sure that the nut in the center of the rotor is tight. - Have a technician test the motor and replace it if necessary.
<b>3. Problem: The centrifuge does not run.</b>
Solutions: - Check the electrical outlet. - Make sure the lid latch is turned completely clockwise to its stop position. When the lid is closed properly, the latch light on the control panel will illuminate. - Check the circuit breaker switch at the bottom left of the machine. If the switch is white, the breaker has tripped. Contact your authorized dealer or The Drucker Company for assistance. - The printed circuit board may be damaged. Have a technician test and replace the circuit board if necessary.
<b>4. Problem: The latch light does not come on when the lid is closed</b>
Solutions: - Make sure that the unit has power. - Make sure the lid latch is turned completely clockwise to its stop position. The latch makes contact with a switch underneath the front top of the cabinet. If this switch is not activated, the light will not turn on and the machine will not run.
<b>5. Problem: The machine does not unlock after a run has completed.</b>
Solutions: - The lid should remain locked until the rotor has nearly come to a complete stop and then unlock for 60 seconds. If additional unlock time is needed, press the 'OPEN / EMERGENCY STOP' button with the machine plugged in and the rotor stopped. If the lid remains locked after this and will not unlock, the electronics may have been damaged. Contact your authorized dealer or The Drucker Company. To access the rotor chamber, follow the procedure on page 11, "Emergency Lid Removal".
<b>6. Problem: The run time is not set to the desired length.</b>
Solutions: - Check the run preset by following the instructions on page 5. If the preset is not the desired length, follow the instructions on the rear of the centrifuge to change the preset.

## Setup Location:

1. Unpack the centrifuge and verify that all of the supplied equipment is present.
2. Choose a setup location which meets the following criteria:
  - a) A bench top clearance height of 24" is required in order to open the lid.
  - b) The clearance envelope is the space around the centrifuge which is required for safety. Choose a setup location which will allow for a clearance envelope of at least 27" x 27", (with the centrifuge at the center). No person or hazardous material shall be permitted in the clearance envelope during operation. The operator time within the envelope shall be limited to the time necessary for loading, unloading and centrifuge operation only.
  - c) Proper ventilation is necessary to prevent the overheating of samples as well as premature failure of the centrifuge. Choose an area which will allow unencumbered air flow.
  - d) The centrifuge is designed to secure to the operating surface by four suction feet. No adjustment is necessary for leveling the centrifuge, however, the surface should be flat and level.
  - e) **Be sure the outlet is always within reach as the line cord is the means of emergency disconnection!**

## Initial Setup Procedure:

*If any problems are found during the initial setup procedure, refer to the troubleshooting section on page 10. For further assistance, contact your authorized dealer or The Drucker Company.*

1. Plug the centrifuge in to an approved electrical outlet. **For electrical safety, the unit must always be properly grounded.**
2. For safety purposes, the locking system is always activated. To deactivate the system, (in order to insert or retrieve samples), press the 'OPEN / EMERGENCY STOP' button on the control panel. The 'LOCK' indicator light should illuminate. *If it does not, refer to page 10 on troubleshooting.* The lid will be unlocked for 15 seconds after pushing the 'OPEN / EMERGENCY STOP' button.
3. Turn the latch counter-clockwise and open the lid.
4. Spin the rotor by hand; check for free and level rotation. *If the rotor does not spin freely, refer to page 10 on troubleshooting.*
5. Place the six test tube holders inside the rotor (as shown to the right), and verify that they are seated properly.
6. Close the lid. Rotate the lid knob clockwise to its complete stop position. The 'LATCH' indicator light should be illuminated. If it is not, make sure that the lid is latched properly. The centrifuge will not run unless the lid is latched and the 'LATCH' light is on.
7. Turn the centrifuge on by pushing the 'START' button.
8. The 'RUN' indicator light will illuminate.
9. The test tube holders will slide up into the horizontal position and the unit will accelerate to full speed.
10. Listen to the sound of the centrifuge. A smooth whirring sound should be heard. *If there are any loud or unusual sounds, stop the centrifuge by pushing the 'OPEN / EMERGENCY STOP' button immediately and refer to page 10 on troubleshooting.*



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*Before using any cleaning or decontamination methods except those recommended by the manufacturer, users should check with the manufacturer that the proposed method will not damage the equipment. See page 8, (bottom), for the recommended cleaning solutions.*

## Rotor Removal and Installation:

### To remove the rotor:

1. Unlock the centrifuge by pushing the 'OPEN / EMERGENCY STOP' button and unlatch and open the lid.

**CAUTION:** Unplug the centrifuge from the electrical outlet at this time to eliminate the possibility of electrical shock or other injury.
2. Remove the test tube holders.
3. Remove the center nut with a 0.5" nut driver.
4. Pull up on the rotor until it is clear of the motor shaft.
5. Angle the rotor, (as shown in the picture below), and remove it from the rotor chamber.

### To install the rotor:

1. Angle the rotor, (as shown in the picture below), and place it back into the rotor chamber and onto the rotor cone.
2. The rotor should slide onto the rotor cone freely and the rotor should be level.
3. Once a proper fit has been achieved, replace the 0.5" nut and hand-tighten it with a nut driver. Do not over-tighten.
4. Replace the tube holders and verify that they are seated properly, (as shown on page 4).



**Proper Rotor Position for Installation and Removal**

5. It is recommended that the initial setup procedures be performed to ensure that the rotor has been installed correctly and that no damage has been done to the centrifuge during either the rotor installation or possible rotor chamber cleaning. See page 4 for this procedure.

## Care and Preventative Maintenance:

With proper care and maintenance your Horizon centrifuge will provide years of laboratory service. For proper care, the following steps should be taken:

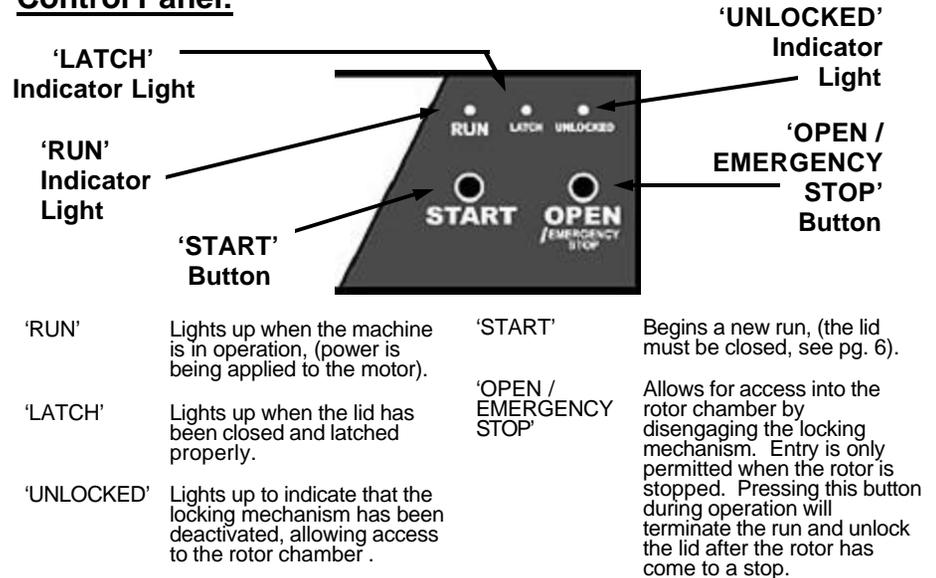
1. **Provide Adequate Ventilation:** For cooling purposes, the Horizon draws in ambient air through the front of the base and exhausts this air in the rear of the base. The centrifuge should be placed on a hard smooth surface for good air circulation.
2. **Always Spin Balanced Loads:** Make certain that opposing tube holders are filled with an equal volume sample or an equivalent weight water-filled tube. The Horizon has a unique counter balanced motor mounting design which, along with its rubber suction feet, produces excellent vibration dampening. However, out-of-balance loads may break glass test tubes and may produce unsatisfactory separation results. Proper load balancing will improve sample separation and extend the life of the centrifuge. Refer to page 6 on balanced loads for additional information on balancing the load.
3. **Keep the Tube Holders Clean:** *NOTE: Always follow the safety guidelines of your laboratory to properly clean up and/or dispose of materials in the event that a substance known to be potentially toxic, radioactive or contaminated with a pathogenetic microorganism is spilt in or on the centrifuge.* Small glass fragments left in the tube holder after a tube breakage may adhere to the next test tube inserted in that holder. When this tube is handled, these fragments may puncture protective gloves and lacerate the operator's fingers or hand. Remaining fragments may provide stress points on subsequent tubes and result in additional breakage. If a tube breakage occurs, carefully remove the tube holder. Properly dispose of the sample and tube fragments and thoroughly clean both the inside and outside of the tube holder. Insert a new tube cushion (if necessary) and replace the tube holder in the rotor.
4. **Motor and Electrical Maintenance:** The Horizon uses a brushless permanent split capacitor AC motor. It should not need servicing for the life of the centrifuge. The electrical components are selected for high reliability and should not need service.
5. **Keep the Rotor Chamber Clean:** Every six months, or whenever there is a tube breakage, (refer to the note in #3), it may be necessary to remove the rotor and clean the rotor chamber. Follow the instructions on page 9 to remove and re-install the rotor.  
**CAUTION:** Once the lid has been opened, unplug the line cord from the electrical outlet to eliminate the risk of electric shock during cleaning.  
The rotor chamber, rotor and accessories shall be thoroughly cleaned using either isopropyl alcohol, soap and water or bleach. The use of Fully/Partially Halogenated Hydrocarbons, Ketones, Esters and all other chemicals not prescribed by the manufacturer may cause damage to the rotor and tube holders and shall not be used.  
Apply cleaning solutions with a towel or cloth. **Do not submerge the centrifuge in water or other cleaning solutions as this will cause damage and void your warranty!**
6. **Rotor and Tube Holder Replacement:** It is recommended that the rotor and tube holders be replaced after 24 months of use or 5,000 cycles, whichever comes first.

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11. While the machine is running, try to turn the latch counter-clockwise. Power may be cut to the motor but you should be unable to fully turn the latch. *If it is possible to turn the latch and open the lid while the unit is running, contact your authorized dealer or The Drucker Company.* Close and latch the lid.
12. Push the 'OPEN / EMERGENCY STOP' button. The 'RUN' indicator light should go out and the motor should slow to a stop.
13. The lid should remain locked until the rotor has nearly stopped. *If the machine unlocks prematurely, contact your authorized dealer or The Drucker Company.* Once the rotor has stopped, the interlock system will become disengaged for sixty (60) seconds. The 'UNLOCKED' indicator light will illuminate during this time.
14. To gain entry into the centrifuge after this period has ended, simply press the 'OPEN / EMERGENCY STOP' button. The lid will unlock for fifteen (15) additional seconds.

**After the centrifuge has passed this procedure, it is ready for operation.**

## Control Panel:



**To verify the preset time:** *NOTE: Your centrifuge must be plugged in.*

- Push the 'OPEN / EMERGENCY STOP' button to disengage the lock and open the lid.
- Push and hold the 'START' button for approximately three (3) seconds. The 'LATCH' indicator light will begin to flash; indicating program mode.
- When you release the 'START' button, the 'RUN' indicator light will begin to flash. Each flash of the 'RUN' indicator light represents one minute of run time. If the time indicated is not desired, follow the instructions on the rear of the centrifuge to change it.

## Operation:

**NOTE:** Follow the initial setup procedure on page 4 before initial operation.

1. Plug the centrifuge into an approved 115 Volt A.C., 60 Hz. outlet.
2. Push the 'OPEN / EMERGENCY STOP' button and then open the lid.
3. Insert cushions (if needed) into the tube holders for the tube size you are using. Refer to 'Tube Holder Configurations' (page 7) for assistance.

### BALANCED LOADS

**Your centrifuge must contain a balanced load in order to work properly. To ensure that the load is balanced, keep these rules in mind when inserting cushions and test tube samples:**

1. Opposing tube holders must be identical and must contain the same cushion, or none at all.
  2. Opposing tube holders must be empty or loaded with equally weighted samples.
  3. If an odd number of samples is to be spun, fill a tube with water to match the weight of the unpaired sample and place it across from this sample.
4. Place the test tube samples into the tube holders. Be sure to follow the rules for balanced loads.
  5. Close the lid and turn the lid knob clockwise to its complete stop position. The 'LATCH' indicator light should turn on to indicate that the latch is closed properly. **If the lid knob is not completely latched, the 'LATCH' indicator light will not turn on and the centrifuge will not operate!**
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- NOTE:**  
Latch the lid knob clockwise to its stop position or the centrifuge will not operate!
6. The timer has been set to a preset time of ten (10) minutes. To display this time setting, refer to page 5.
7. Turn on the machine by pushing the 'START' button on the control panel.
8. The centrifuge should begin to spin. The 'RUN' indicator light should illuminate.
- IF A PROBLEM IS FOUND DURING A SPIN THAT REQUIRES THE CENTRIFUGE TO SHUT DOWN, PRESS THE 'OPEN / EMERGENCY STOP' BUTTON!**
9. The run indicator light will begin to flash when one minute remains in the cycle.
  10. After time has elapsed, the 'RUN' indicator light will extinguish and the rotor will slow to a complete stop.
  11. The 'LOCK' indicator light will illuminate and the locking mechanism will disengage allowing entry into the rotor chamber. *If it does not, refer to page 10 on troubleshooting.*
  12. Turn the lid knob counter-clockwise and open the lid.
  13. Remove the samples.
  14. If the machine re-locks before the samples are removed, press the 'OPEN / EMERGENCY STOP' button to unlock the lid for an additional fifteen (15) seconds.

## Tube Holder Configurations:

Your Horizon centrifuge can spin various test tube sizes ranging from 1.5mL to 10mL, (up to 100mm in length), with the appropriate accessories. Use the following chart and drawing to determine which tube holder and cushion combination should be used with your application.

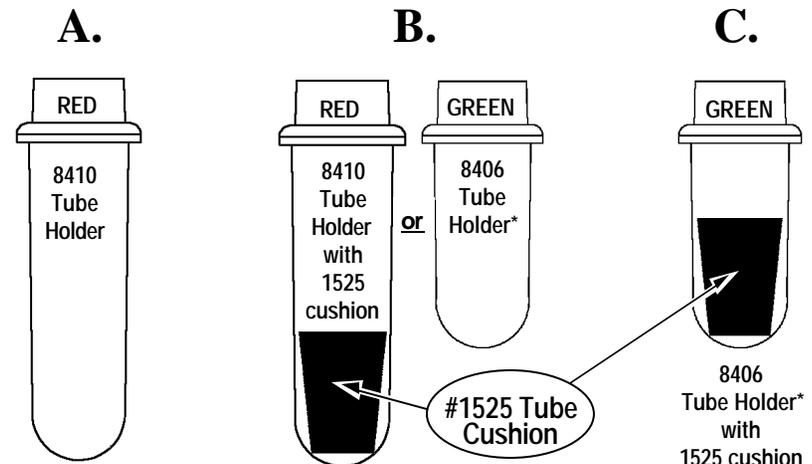
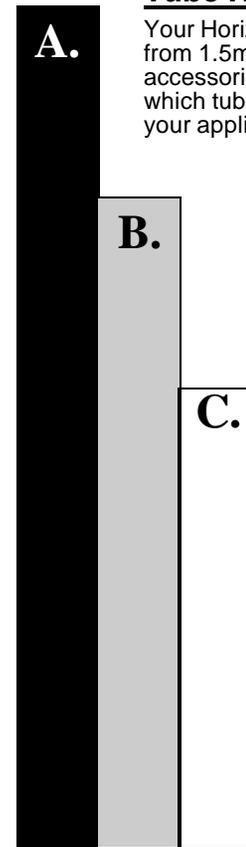
### DIRECTIONS:

1. Compare the tube to be spun with the three boxes to the left.
2. Find the box that most closely matches the tube's length. NOTE: The tube length with its stopper or cap must be shorter than the chosen box or the tube will not fit properly in the tube holder.
3. Match the letter from the chosen box with one of the configurations on the bottom of this page.

*For Example: A tube is found to be as long as box B. Accordingly, we can use an 8410 tube holder with a 1525 cushion or an 8406 tube holder with no cushion, (configuration B).*

### PLEASE READ THIS BEFORE USING CONFIGURATIONS B OR C:

Use caution when spinning capped tubes with the 1525 cushion. The 1525 cushion may compress as much as 0.25" and the cap may be pushed off during a spin. Make sure that there is at least 0.25" between the bottom of the cap and the top of the tube holder. If an additional spacer is needed to raise the tube, order the 0.25" cushion, (p/n 9150), and use it in conjunction with the 1525. Contact your authorized dealer or The Drucker Company for ordering information.



\* This part is available as an accessory. Contact The Drucker Company for assistance.