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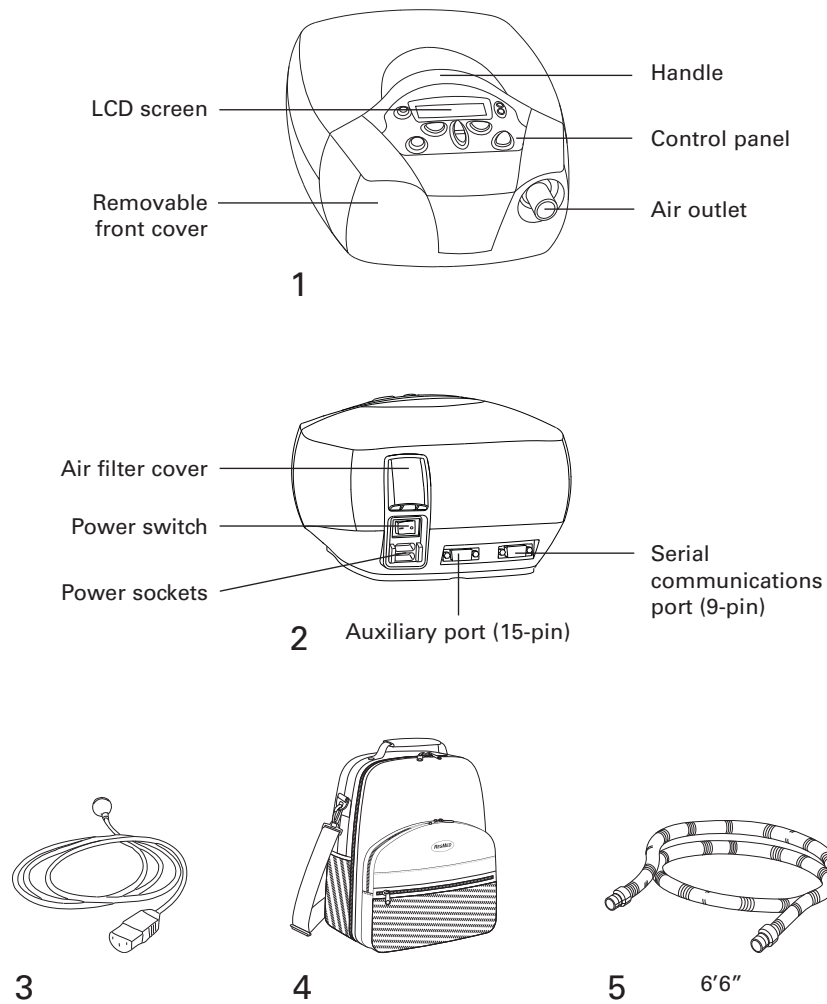


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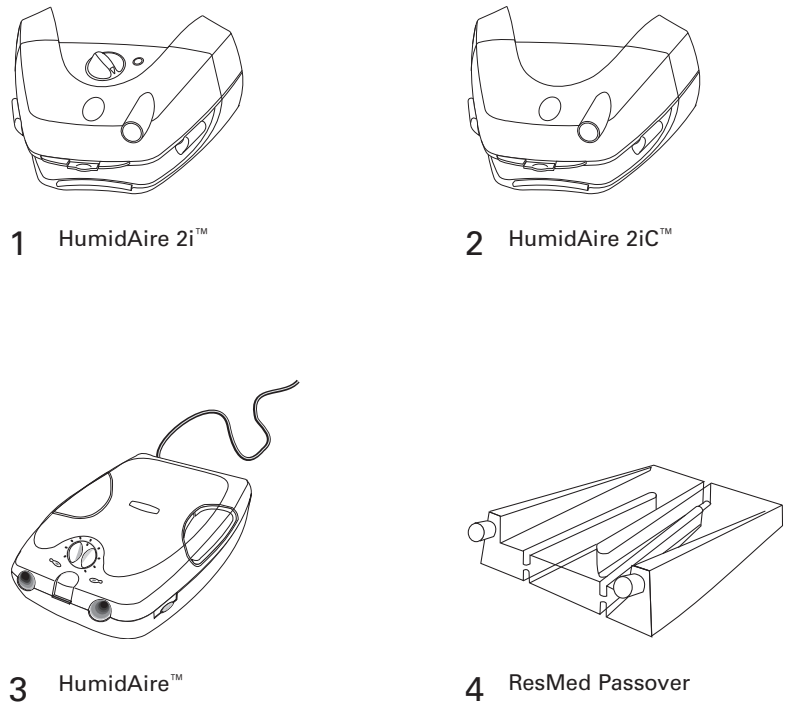
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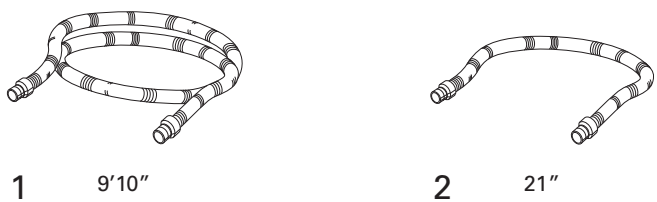
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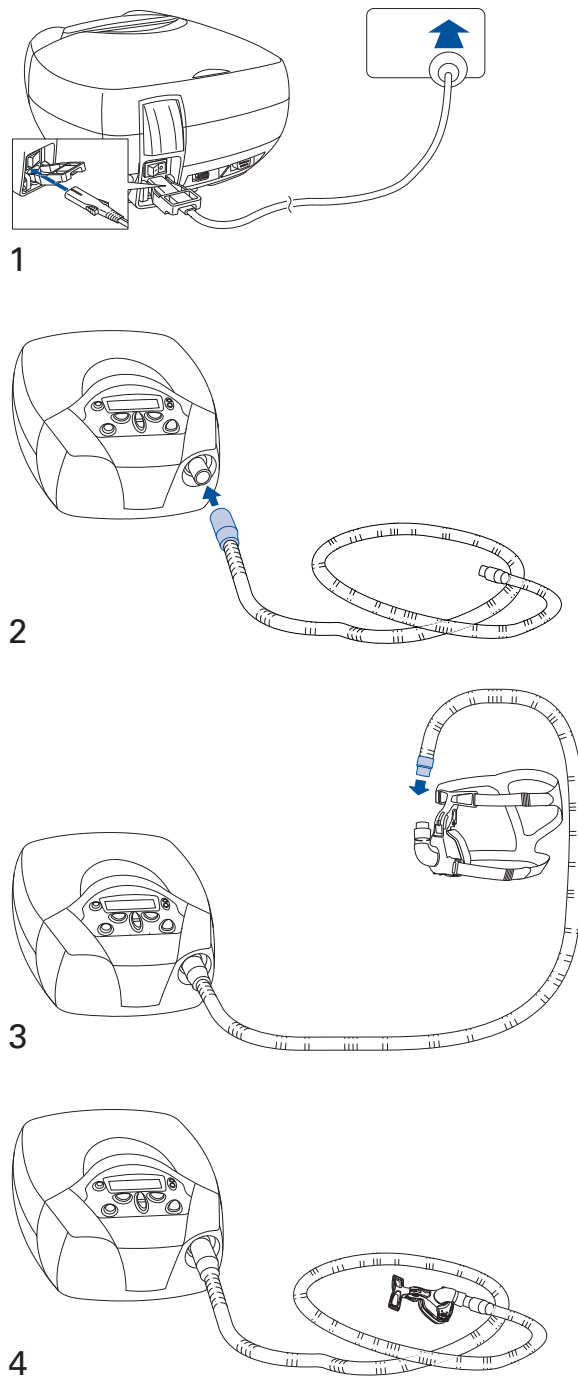
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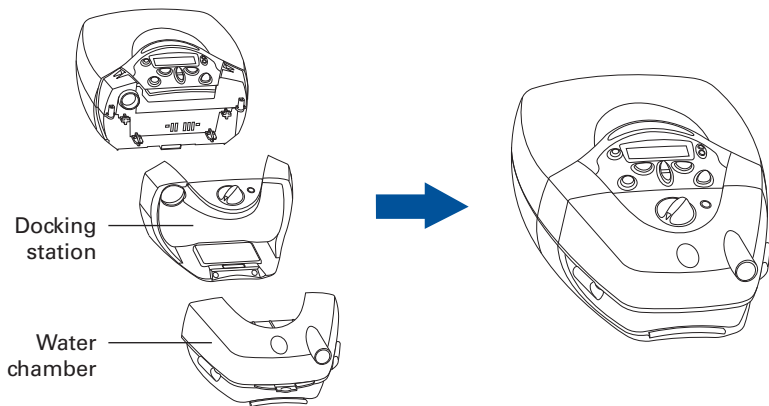
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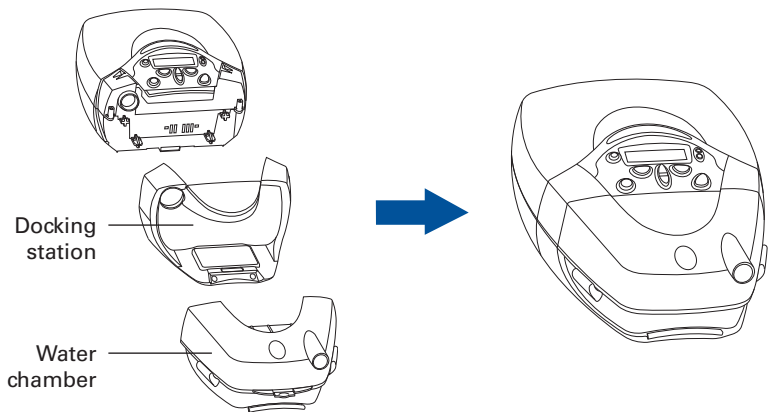
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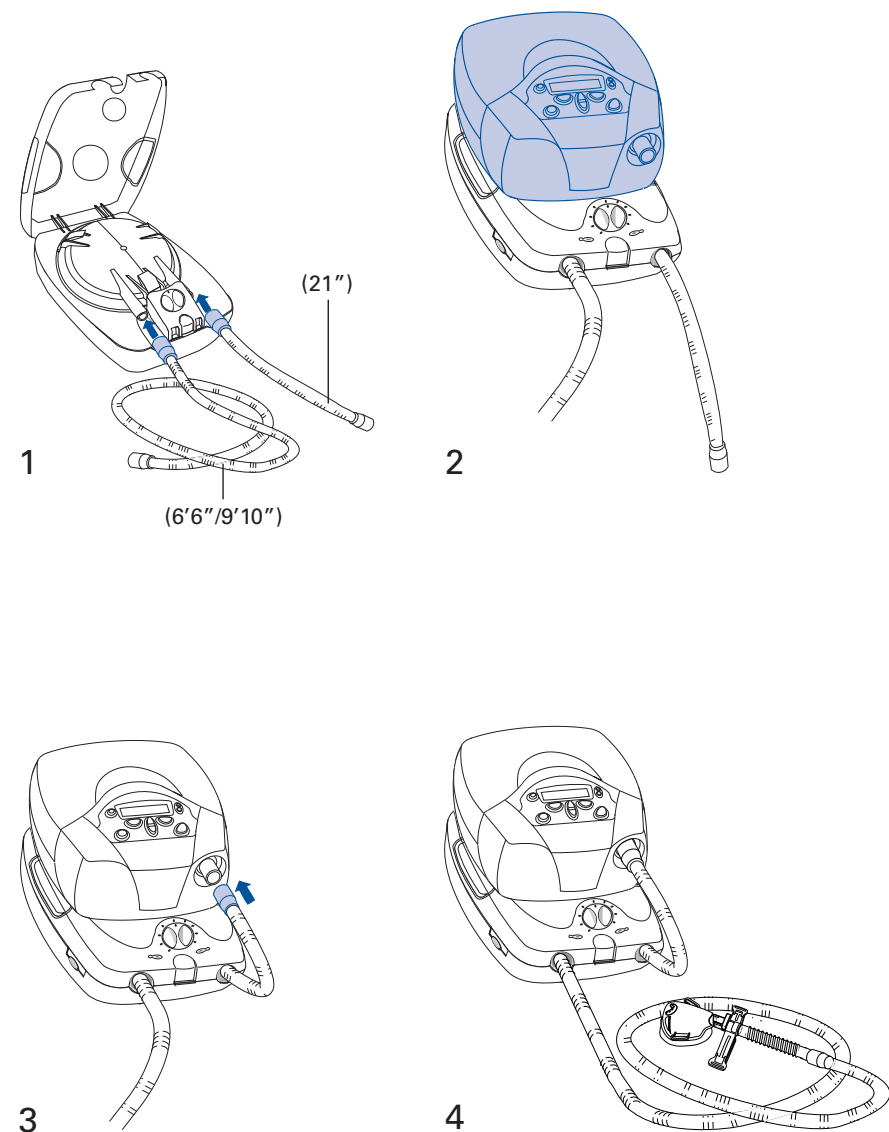
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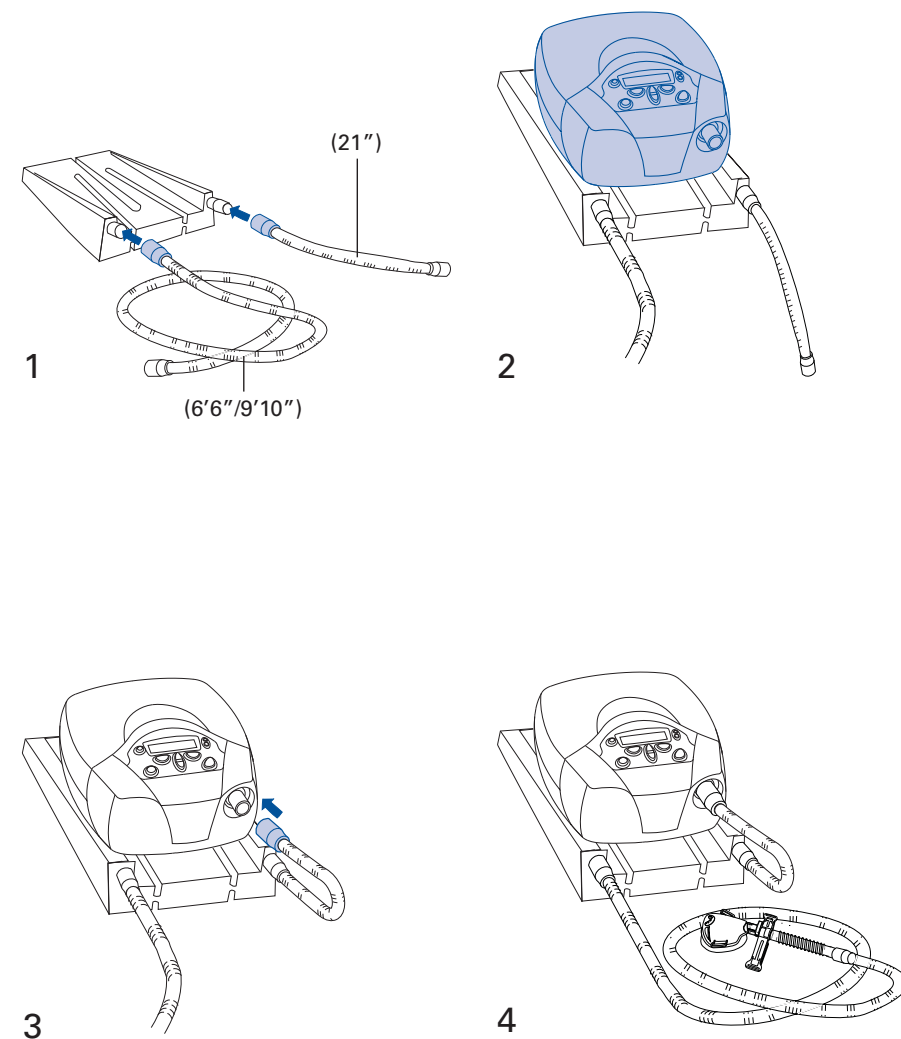
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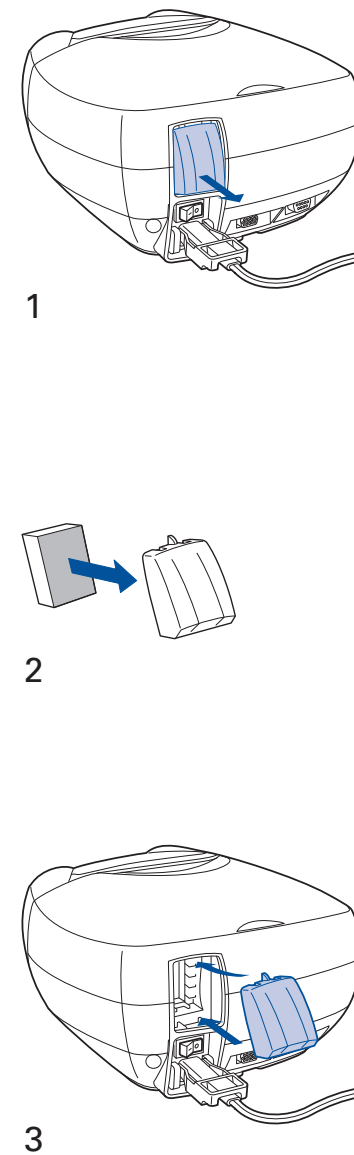
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Introduction

The VPAP™ III ST-A is a bilevel pressure support ventilator specifically designed for non-invasive mask ventilation.

This user manual contains the information you need for the correct use of your VPAP III ST-A.

User/Owner Responsibility

The user or owner of this system shall have sole responsibility and liability for any injury to persons or damage to property resulting from:

- operation which is not in accordance with the operating instructions supplied
- maintenance or modifications carried out unless in accordance with authorized instructions and by authorized persons.

Please read this manual carefully before use.

This manual contains special terms and icons that appear in the margins to draw your attention to specific and important information.

- Warning alerts you to possible injury.
- Caution explains special measures for the safe and effective use of the device.
- Note is an informative or helpful note.

Medical Information

Indications for Use

The VPAP III ST-A system is intended to provide non-invasive ventilation for adult patients (>66 lb) and pediatric patients aged 7 years or older (>40 lbs) with respiratory insufficiency or obstructive sleep apnea (OSA). The device is intended for use in the hospital or home.



CAUTION (USA ONLY)

Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.

Contraindications

The VPAP III ST-A should not be used if you have an insufficient respiratory drive to endure brief interruptions in non-invasive ventilation therapy. The VPAP III ST-A is not a life support ventilator and may stop operating with power failure or in the unlikely event of certain fault conditions.

If you have any of the following conditions, tell your doctor before using the VPAP III ST-A:

- acute sinusitis or otitis media
- epistaxis causing a risk of pulmonary aspiration

- conditions predisposing to a risk of aspiration of gastric contents
- impaired ability to clear secretions
- hypotension or significant intravascular volume depletion
- pneumothorax or pneumomediastinum
- recent cranial trauma or surgery.



Warnings

- The entire manual should be read before using the VPAP III ST-A.
- Advice contained in this manual should not supersede instructions given by the prescribing physician.
- The VPAP III ST-A should only be used with masks (and connectors)* recommended by ResMed, or by your physician or respiratory therapist. A mask should not be used unless the VPAP III ST-A is turned on and operating properly. The vent hole or holes associated with the mask should never be blocked.

Explanation of the warning: The VPAP III ST-A is intended to be used with special masks (or connectors)* which have vent holes to allow continuous flow of air out of the mask. When the device is turned on and functioning properly, new air from the device flushes the exhaled air out through the mask vent holes. However, when the device is not operating, enough fresh air will not be provided through the mask, and the exhaled air may be rebreathed. Rebreathing of exhaled air for longer than several minutes can, in some circumstances, lead to suffocation. This applies to most models of CPAP and bilevel devices.

* Ports may be incorporated in the mask or in connectors that are near the mask.

- In the event of power failure or machine malfunction, remove the mask.
- Children who are unable to remove the mask should be attended at all times during therapy.
- At low EPAP pressures, the flow through the exhalation port may be inadequate to clear all exhaled gas from the tubing. Some rebreathing may occur.
- The air flow for breathing produced by this device can be as much as 11°F higher than the temperature of the room. Caution should be exercised if the room temperature is warmer than 90°F.
- The VPAP III ST-A can be set to deliver pressures up to 30 cm H₂O. In the unlikely event of certain fault conditions, pressures up to 40 cm H₂O are possible.
- The VPAP III ST-A is not suitable for use in the vicinity of flammable anesthetics.
- The VPAP III ST-A should not be used with anesthetized patients, whose breathing depends on artificial ventilation.
- If oxygen is used with this device, the oxygen flow must be turned off when the device is not operating.

Explanation of the warning: When the device is not in operation, and the oxygen flow is left on, oxygen delivered into the ventilator tubing may accumulate within the device enclosure. Oxygen accumulated in the device enclosure will create a risk of fire. This warning applies to most types of flow generators.

- Oxygen supports combustion. Oxygen should not be used while smoking or in the presence of an open flame.
- Always ensure air flow is being generated by the device before the oxygen supply is turned on.
- Always turn the oxygen supply off before stopping the air flow from the device.

Note: *At a fixed rate of supplemental oxygen flow, the inhaled oxygen concentration will vary, depending on where the oxygen is introduced, pressure settings, patient breathing pattern, mask selection, and leak rate. This warning applies to most types of CPAP and bilevel devices.*

- Do not use the VPAP III ST-A if there are obvious external defects, unexplained changes in performance, or unusual noises.
- Do not open the VPAP III ST-A case. There are no user serviceable parts inside. Repairs and internal servicing should only be performed by an authorized service agent.



Cautions

You should report unusual chest pain, severe headache, or increased breathlessness to your physician. An acute upper respiratory tract infection may require temporary discontinuation of treatment.

The following side effects may arise during the course of therapy with the VPAP III ST-A:

- drying of the nose, mouth, or throat
- bloating
- ear or sinus discomfort
- eye irritation
- skin rashes
- chest discomfort.

The above are general warnings and cautions. Further specific warnings, cautions, and notes appear next to the relevant instructions in the manual.

The VPAP III ST-A System

*Please refer to the illustrations in section **A** of the illustration sheet.*

Please identify and familiarize yourself with the following components of the VPAP III ST-A:

- VPAP III ST-A front view (**A-1**)
- VPAP III ST-A rear view (**A-2**)
- Power cord (**A-3**)
- Carry bag (**A-4**)
- 6'6" air tubing (**A-5**).



WARNING

- Do not connect any device to the auxiliary port. Although your health care provider may connect or have you connect specially designed devices to the auxiliary port of the VPAP III ST-A, connection of other devices could result in injury, or damage to the unit.
- In the home environment, the only device that may be connected to the communications port is a modem that is locally approved. Locally approved modems may also be connected in the clinical environment.
- In the clinical environment any PC that is used with the VPAP III ST-A system must be at least 5' away from, or at least 8' above the patient. It must also comply with IEC 60950 or equivalent.

Masks

You will also need a **ResMed mask system** (supplied separately). For the latest available masks, see www.resmed.com.

This device requires a specific mask setting; refer to your mask User Guide for the mask setting you should use.

For information on using your mask, refer to the user guide supplied with your mask.

Notes:

- *ResMed VPAP III ST-A has been designed and manufactured to provide optimum performance using ResMed vented mask systems. While other vented mask systems may be used, performance and data outputs may be affected.*
- *Not all masks are available in all regions.*

Humidifiers

*Please refer to the illustrations in section **B** of the illustration sheet.*

A humidifier may be required if you are experiencing dryness of the nose, throat or mouth. The VPAP III ST-A is compatible for use with the following humidifiers:

- HumidAire 2i™ heated humidifier (**B-1**)
- HumidAire 2iC™ passover humidifier (**B-2**)

- HumidAire™ heated humidifier (**B-3**)
- ResMed Passover humidifier (**B-4**).



WARNING

Only the HumidAire 2i, HumidAire 2iC, HumidAire heated humidifier and the ResMed Passover are compatible for use with the VPAP III ST-A. Please refer to Warnings on page 2.

Accessories

*Please refer to the illustrations in section **C** of the illustration sheet.*

The following accessories may be purchased separately:

- 9'10" air tubing (**C-1**)
- Medium (21") air tubing for the HumidAire and ResMed Passover humidifiers (**C-2**)
- Hypoallergenic air filter.

Note: *ResMed regularly releases new products. Please check our website at www.myresmed.com.*

Setting up the VPAP III ST-A System

Please refer to the illustrations in section **D** of the illustration sheet.

Setting up the VPAP III ST-A

- 1 Place the VPAP III ST-A on a flat surface near the head of your bed. If the device is placed on the floor, ensure that the area is free from dust and clear of bedding, clothes or any other objects that could block the air inlet.



CAUTION

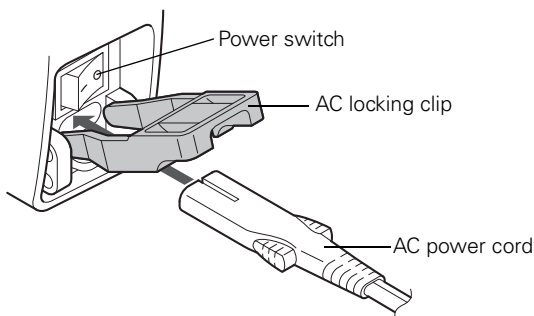
Be careful not to place the device where it can be bumped or where someone is likely to trip over the power cord.

2 Connect the power cord

There are two sockets at the rear of the flow generator—the top one for an AC (standard mains electricity) and the lower one for a DC power cord (see “Using a Battery to Power the VPAP III ST-A” on page 30).

ResMed recommends using the AC power cord supplied with the unit.

If the customized ResMed power cord is supplied, it can be held in place with the locking clips. To insert the locking clip, pinch the free ends together and fit the pins into the holes on both sides of the socket. Insert the power cord into the socket. Push the locking clip down so that the groove holds the power cord in place.



Plug the free end of the power cord into a power outlet (**D-1**).



CAUTION

Do not connect both AC and DC power cords to the VPAP III ST-A at the same time.



WARNING

- Make sure the power cord and plug are in good condition and the equipment is not damaged.
- The air filter cover protects the device in the event of accidental liquid spillage onto the device. Ensure that the air filter and air filter cover are fitted at all times.

- 3** Connect one end of the air tubing firmly onto the air outlet of the VPAP III ST-A (**D-2**).



WARNING

Only ResMed air tubing should be used with your flow generator. A different type of air tubing may alter the pressure you actually receive and reduce the effectiveness of your treatment.

- 4** Assemble your mask system according to the mask user instructions.

- 5** Connect your mask system to the free end of the air tubing (**D-3**).

The VPAP III ST-A system is now assembled (**D-4**). To start treatment, see "Starting Treatment" on page 11.

Attaching a Humidifier



WARNING

When using a humidifier, position it lower than you, and at the same level or lower than the VPAP III ST-A.

***Note:** You must activate the humidifier option in the menus if you are using a HumidAire or Passover humidifier.*

Attaching a HumidAire 2i Humidifier

*Please refer to the illustrations in section **E** of the illustration sheet.*

The HumidAire 2i attaches to the front of the VPAP III ST-A to provide heated humidification. No other accessories are required for its use. The VPAP III ST-A automatically detects the presence of the HumidAire 2i. No menu changes are required. Please refer to the *HumidAire 2i User's Manual* for details.

Attaching a HumidAire 2iC Humidifier

*Please refer to the illustrations in section **F** of the illustration sheet.*

The HumidAire 2iC attaches to the front of a VPAP III ST-A to provide passover humidification. No other accessories are required for its use. Please refer to the *HumidAire 2iC User's Manual* for details.

Attaching a HumidAire Humidifier

*Please refer to the illustrations in section **G** of the illustration sheet.*

Medium size (21") air tubing is a necessary accessory for connecting the VPAP III ST-A to the HumidAire humidifier.

To set up the VPAP III ST-A with the HumidAire:

1. Fill the HumidAire with water as described in the humidifier manual.
2. Place the filled water chamber inside the HumidAire. Connect the medium (21") air tubing to the right connector port, and the long air tubing (6'6" or 9'10") to the left connector port on the humidifier (**G-1**). Close the HumidAire lid.
3. Place the VPAP III ST-A on top of the HumidAire (**G-2**). Do not place the VPAP III ST-A underneath the humidifier. (This is to avoid water spilling into the device which may cause severe and costly damage.)
4. Connect the free end of the medium air tubing to the air outlet of the VPAP III ST-A (**G-3**).
5. Connect the mask system to the free end of the long air tubing. The final assembly should look like illustration **G-4**.
6. Plug the HumidAire power cord into a power outlet.
7. If the VPAP III ST-A is not already plugged in, see Step 2 on page 6.



WARNING

Make sure that the power cord and plug are in good condition and the equipment is not damaged.

8. Navigate to the humidifier setting (if available) in the VPAP III ST-A menu and select "HUMIDAIRE". See "How to Use the Detailed Menu (if enabled by your clinician)" on page 18.

The VPAP III ST-A is now ready for use with the HumidAire. To start treatment, see "Starting Treatment" on page 11.

Attaching a Passover Humidifier

*Please refer to the illustrations in section **H** of the illustration sheet.*

Medium size (21") air tubing is a necessary accessory for connecting the VPAP III ST-A to the ResMed Passover humidifier.

To set up the VPAP III ST-A with the ResMed Passover:

1. Fill the Passover with water as described in the humidifier manual.
2. Connect the medium (21") air tubing to the right connector port, and the long air tubing (6'6" or 9'10") to the left connector port on the humidifier (**H-1**).
3. Place the VPAP III ST-A on top of the Passover (**H-2**). Do not place the VPAP III ST-A underneath the humidifier. (This is to avoid water spilling into the device which may cause severe and costly damage.)
4. Connect the free end of the medium air tubing to the air outlet of the VPAP III ST-A (**H-3**).
5. Connect the mask system to the free end of the long air tubing. The final assembly should look like illustration **H-4**.
6. If the VPAP III ST-A is not already plugged in, see Step 2 on page 6.



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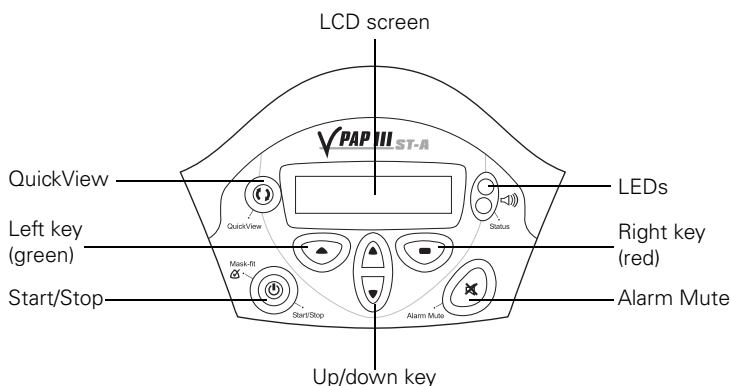
Make sure that the power cord and plug are in good condition and the equipment is not damaged.

7. Navigate to the humidifier setting (if available) in the VPAP III ST-A menu and select "PASSEOVER". See "How to Use the Detailed Menu (if enabled by your clinician)" on page 18.

The VPAP III ST-A is now ready for use with the ResMed Passover. To start treatment, see "Starting Treatment" on page 11.

Using the LCD Screen and Keypad

The control panel of the VPAP III ST-A includes an LCD screen, LEDs and keypad.



LCD Screen

The LCD screen displays the menus, treatment screens and alarm conditions.



To assist you in adjusting the VPAP III ST-A, the keypad and LCD are equipped with a backlight. The LCD backlight comes on when the device is turned on or when you press a key, and turns off after two minutes.

LEDs

The LEDs display the status of the VPAP III ST-A when active.



The **Green** LED may be on during treatment, if enabled by your clinician. The **Yellow** or **Red** LEDs are on during an alarm condition.

Keypad Keys

The VPAP III ST-A keypad has the following keys:

Key	Function
Start/Stop 	- Starts or stops treatment. - Extended hold for at least three seconds starts the Mask-Fitting feature.
Up/Down 	Allows you to scroll through the VPAP III ST-A menus, submenus and setting options.
Left (green) 	Performs the function indicated by the guiding text displayed above it on the LCD screen. Guiding text includes menu, enter, change and apply.
Right (red) 	Performs the function indicated by the guiding text displayed above it on the LCD screen. Guiding text includes exit and cancel.
Alarm Mute 	Press once to mute alarms. If the problem is still present, the alarm will sound again after two minutes. See "Alarm Mute Key" on page 26.
QuickView 	Clinical menu function key. Clinical use only.

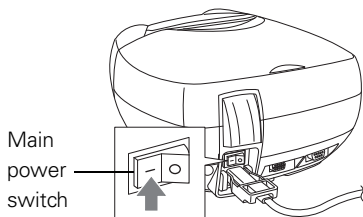
Keypad and LCD Backlight

To assist you in adjusting the VPAP III ST-A, the keypad and LCD are equipped with a backlight. The LCD backlight comes on when the unit is turned on or when you press a key, and turns off after two minutes. Your clinician may have set the LCD backlight to be on continually. The keypad backlight is on at all times when the VPAP III ST-A is powered.

Starting Treatment

The VPAP III ST-A should be assembled beside your bed with the air tubing and mask system connected. See “Setting up the VPAP III ST-A” on page 6.

- 1 Turn the main power switch at the back of the device to on (I).



When the VPAP III ST-A is turned on, a welcome message is displayed on the LCD screen. The VPAP (or Ramp) screen then appears.

Note: If you have the HumidAire 2i attached, see “Using the HumidAire 2i Warm-up Feature” on page 12.

- 2 Fit your mask as described in the mask user instructions.
- 3 Lie down and arrange the air tubing so that it is free to move if you turn in your sleep.



CAUTION

- Do not leave long lengths of air tubing around the top of your bed. It could twist around your head or neck while you are sleeping.
- Make sure the area around the flow generator is dry and clean. It should also be clear of bedding, clothes and other potential blockages.

- 4 To start treatment, press the **Start/Stop** key
or

if your clinician has enabled the SmartStart function, simply breathe into the mask and treatment will begin.

After starting treatment, you can display one of the treatment screens described in “Treatment Screens” on page 23.

Ramp Time

Ramp time is a feature which can be enabled by your clinician. If you have difficulty falling asleep with full pressure, select a ramp time. The airflow will start very gently while you fall asleep. The pressure will slowly increase to full operating pressure over the selected ramp time. The clinician has set a maximum ramp time; you may select any value up to the maximum.

To select a ramp time, see “Ramp Screen” on page 17.

Stopping Treatment

To stop treatment at any time, remove your mask and press the **Start/Stop** key **or**

if your clinician has enabled the SmartStart function, simply remove your mask and treatment will end (SmartStop is not applicable with the "Mir Full" mask setting).

Using the HumidAire 2i Warm-up Feature

If using a HumidAire 2i with the VPAP III ST-A, you can use the Warm-up feature to pre-heat the water in the humidifier prior to starting treatment.

After stopping treatment, the VPAP III ST-A will continue to blow air gently to assist cooling of the heater plate.

See the *HumidAire 2i User's Manual* for further details.

Using the Mask-Fitting Feature

The VPAP III ST-A mask-fitting feature can be used to help you fit your mask properly. The mask-fitting feature delivers air pressure for a three-minute period, prior to starting treatment, for checking and adjusting your mask fit to minimize leaks. If a ramp time is selected, the mask can be adjusted at a pressure closer to the prescribed pressure. To use the mask-fitting feature:

1. Fit your mask as described in the user instructions.
2. Hold down the **Start/Stop** key for at least three seconds until air pressure delivery starts.

The following display will appear on the LCD screen indicating that the mask-fitting feature is in operation. The flow generator will ramp to the Mask-Fit pressure and will remain at this pressure for three minutes. A Mask-Fit star rating is also displayed. See "Definitions of Mask-Fit Star Rating" on page 13.



Notes:

- The Mask-Fit star rating display disappears after three minutes.
 - The mask-fitting feature can only be started from the VPAP (or Ramp) screen.
 - The Mask-Fit pressure is the set treatment pressure or 10 cm H₂O, whichever is greater.
3. Adjust your mask, mask cushion and headgear until you have a secure and comfortable fit.

Once you have a secure and comfortable fit, check your Mask-Fit star rating on the LCD screen. Definitions of the Mask-Fit star ratings are presented in Table 1.

Note: If there is another person nearby to check your Mask-Fit star rating, you can adjust your mask, mask cushion and headgear while lying down.

4. After three minutes, treatment will begin.
 - If you do not wish to wait three minutes, hold down the **Start/Stop** key for at least three seconds and treatment will begin immediately.
 - If you press the **Start/Stop** key for less than three seconds, the VPAP III ST-A will return to standby mode (the VPAP or Ramp screen is displayed).

Table 1: Definitions of Mask-Fit Star Rating

Star rating	Definition
*****	Excellent
****_	Very good
***__	Good
**___	Adjust mask
*____	Adjust mask
HIGH LEAK	Adjust mask

Cleaning and Maintenance

You should regularly carry out the cleaning and maintenance described in this section.

Daily Cleaning

Mask

Clean the mask according to the instructions supplied with the mask.

Air tubing

Disconnect the air tubing from the VPAP III ST-A (and humidifier, if used) and hang the tubing and mask in a clean, dry place until next use.



CAUTION

Do not hang the air tubing in direct sunlight as the tubing may harden over time and eventually crack.

Humidifier

If you are using a humidifier, clean it according to the instructions in the humidifier user manual.

Weekly Cleaning

1. Remove the air tubing from the VPAP III ST-A *and* the mask.
2. Wash the air tubing in warm water using mild detergent. Rinse thoroughly, hang and allow to dry.
3. Before next use, assemble the mask and headgear according to the user instructions.
4. Reconnect the air tubing to the air outlet and mask.



CAUTION

- Do not use bleach, chlorine-, alcohol- or aromatic-based solutions (including all scented oils), moisturizing or antibacterial soaps to clean the air tubing or the VPAP III ST-A. These solutions may cause hardening and reduce the life of the product.
- Do not hang the air tubing in direct sunlight as the tubing may harden over time and eventually crack.

Periodic Cleaning

1. Clean the exterior of the VPAP III ST-A with a damp cloth and mild liquid soap.
2. Inspect the air filter to check if it is blocked by dirt or contains holes. See "Replacing the Air Filter" on page 15.



WARNING

Beware of electric shock. Do not immerse the flow generator or power cord in water. Always unplug the flow generator before cleaning and be sure that it is dry before reconnecting.



CAUTION

Do not attempt to open the VPAP III ST-A. There are no user serviceable parts inside. Repairs and internal servicing should only be performed by an authorized service agent.

Testing the Alarm

Test the alarm weekly. See “Testing the Alarm” on page 26.

Replacing the Air Filter

Please refer to the illustrations in section I of the illustration sheet.

Inspect the air filter every month to check if it is blocked by dirt or contains holes. With normal use of a VPAP III ST-A, the air filter needs to be replaced every six months (or more often if your device is in a dusty environment). To replace the air filter:

1. Remove the air filter cover at the back of the VPAP III ST-A (**I-1**).
2. Remove and discard the old air filter.
3. Insert a new filter with the blue tinted side facing out (**I-2**).
4. Replace the air filter cover (**I-3**).



WARNING

Do not wash the air filter. The air filter is not washable or reusable.

Note: *The air filter should be inspected once a month.*

Servicing

This product (VPAP III ST-A) should be inspected by an authorized ResMed service center 5 years from the date of manufacture. Prior to this, the device is intended to provide safe and reliable operation provided that it is operated and maintained in accordance with the instructions provided by ResMed. Applicable ResMed warranty details are provided with the device at the time of original supply. Of course, as with all electrical devices, if any irregularity becomes apparent, you should exercise caution and have the device inspected by an authorized ResMed service center.

If you feel that your VPAP III ST-A is not performing properly, see “Troubleshooting” on page 32.



CAUTION

Inspection and repair should only be performed by an authorized agent. Under no circumstances should you attempt to service or repair the flow generator yourself.

How to Use the VPAP III ST-A Menus

The VPAP III ST-A provides a set of functions arranged in menus and submenus. Via the LCD screen, the menus and submenus allow you to view and change the settings for a particular function. You can access the menus regardless of whether the VPAP III ST-A is in standby mode or delivering therapy.

Your clinician has preset the menu to either a standard view or a detailed view. Both of these menus are explained below.

When the VPAP III ST-A is turned on, a Welcome screen is displayed. After the device self-checks are complete, the VPAP (or Ramp) screen appears.

Ramp Screen

If your clinician has set a maximum ramp time, the Ramp screen is displayed after the Welcome screen. On the Ramp screen, you can immediately set a ramp time. Ramp time is the period during which the pressure increases from a low pressure to the prescribed treatment pressure. See “Ramp Time” on page 11. Ramp time can be altered in five-minute increments (from OFF to a maximum ramp time set by your clinician) by using the **Up/Down** key.

How to Use the Standard Menu

The standard menu allows you to view details about the time used, a summary of your device settings, and the current software version of your VPAP III ST-A. The Used (time) screen displays the total number of hours for which the device has been used. It also displays the number of days the VPAP III ST-A was used out of the total number of days available for use.

For details on the settings summary screens, see “Settings Summary Screens” on page 18.

Figure 1 summarizes the VPAP III ST-A standard menu series.

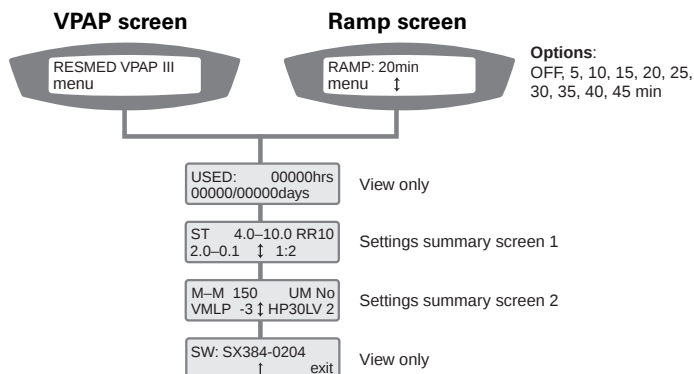


Figure 1: VPAP III ST-A Standard Menu Series

- To access the VPAP III ST-A menus:
Press the **Left** key (menu) while the VPAP (or Ramp) screen is displayed.
- To scroll through items within the menu:
Press the **Up/Down** key
- To exit out of the menu:
Press the **Right** key (exit)

Settings Summary Screens

The settings summary screens enable your clinician to quickly review your VPAP III ST-A settings. These screens are displayed in both the standard and detailed patient menus.

How to Use the Detailed Menu (if enabled by your clinician)

The detailed menu allows you to view and change settings such as mask type, tube length and the humidifier used. You can also view the serial number, settings summary screens (see above) and current software version of your VPAP III ST-A.

Figure 2 summarizes the VPAP III ST-A detailed menu series.

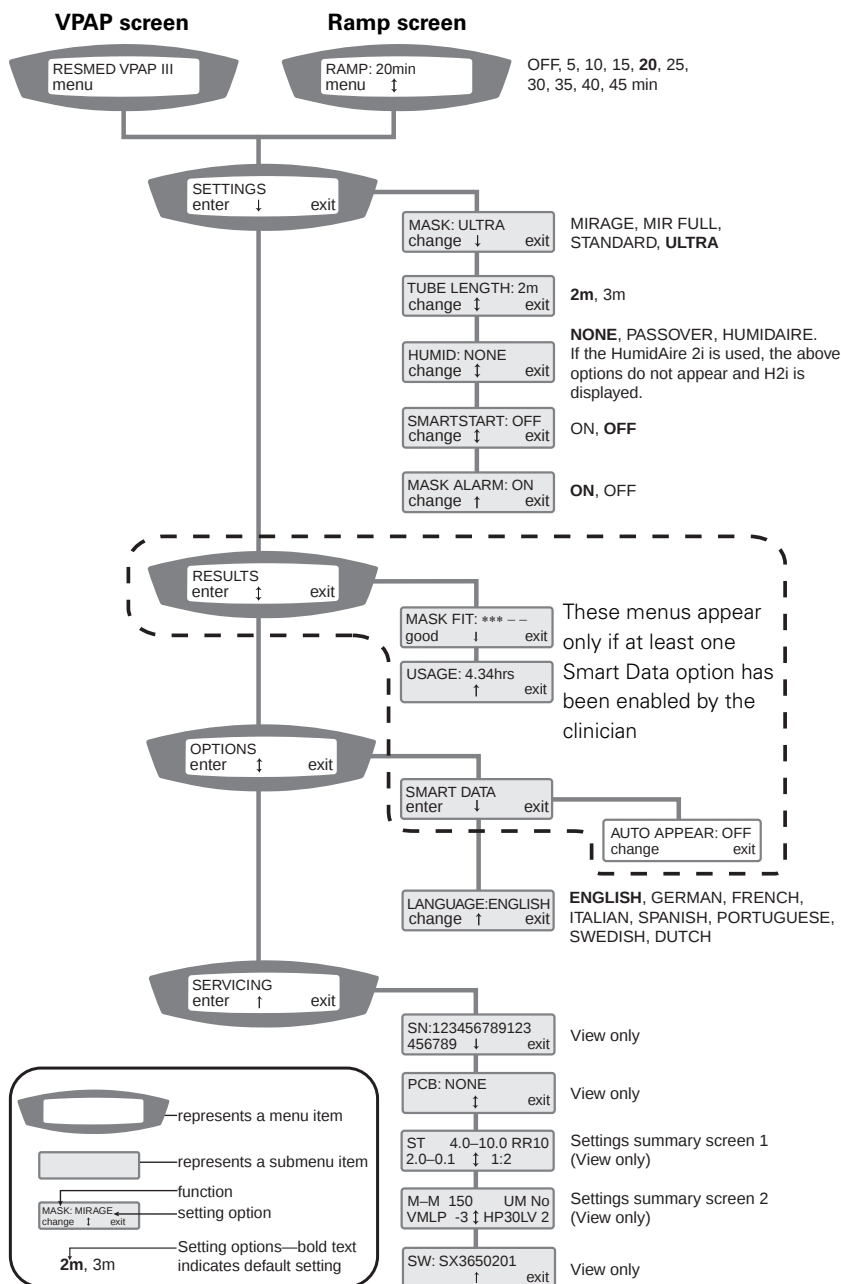


Figure 2: VPAP III ST-A Detailed Menu Series (if enabled by your clinician)

- To access the VPAP III ST-A menus:
Press the **Left** key (menu) while the VPAP (or Ramp) screen is displayed.
- To scroll through items within a menu or submenu:
Press the **Up/Down** key.
- To enter a submenu:
Press the **Left** key (enter).
- To change a setting option for a function:
 1. Press the **Left** key (change).
 2. Press the **Up/Down** key until the desired setting option appears.
 3. Press the **Left key** (apply) to select the setting option.
- To exit without changing options:
Press the **Right** key (cancel).
- To exit out of a menu or submenu:
Press the **Right** key (exit).

Note: You can return to the VPAP (or Ramp) screen at any time by holding the *Right* key for at least three seconds.

Menu Functions (Detailed Menu only)

The VPAP III ST-A menu functions are summarized in Tables 2–5 below with a brief description of what each function does and the available setting options. To access these functions, see “How to Use the Detailed Menu (if enabled by your clinician)” on page 18.

Settings Menu

The Settings Menu allows you to view and change certain operating features of the VPAP III ST-A.

Table 2: Settings Menu Functions

Function	Default	Function Description	Setting Options
Mask	ULTRA	Selects your mask type.	MIRAGE, ULTRA, STANDARD, MIR FULL Refer to your mask User Guide for the setting for your mask.
Tube Length	2m	Selects the length of air tubing connecting your mask to the VPAP III ST-A.	2m / 3m (6’6" / 9’10")

Function	Default	Function Description	Setting Options
Humidifier	NONE	Selects the type of humidifier to be used with the VPAP III ST-A.	NONE (HumidAire 2iC), PASSOVER, HUMIDAIRE If the HumidAire 2i is used, the above setting options do not appear and H2i is displayed.
SmartStart™	OFF	Turns the SmartStart function on or off. See “SmartStart™” on page 21.	ON/OFF
Mask Alarm	ON	Turns the Mask Alarm signal on or off. If enabled, the Mask Alarm feature will alert you when a high mask leak is detected. An audible tone will sound and a high leak message will appear on the LCD screen.	ON/OFF

SmartStart™

The VPAP III ST-A has a function called SmartStart which can be enabled by your clinician. If SmartStart is enabled, VPAP III ST-A will start automatically when you breathe into the mask and will stop automatically when you take your mask off. This means you do not have to press the **Start/Stop** key to begin or end treatment.

Note: If you select “Mir Full” as the mask option, SmartStop is automatically disabled. SmartStart may not work with a full face mask due to safety features of the mask.

When Mask Alarm is set to ON, SmartStart/Stop automatically reverts to OFF. SmartStop cannot be used with Mask Alarm because if a high leak occurs, SmartStop will stop treatment before the Mask Alarm signal is activated.

Results Menu

Note: This menu appears only if at least one Smart Data™ option has been enabled by the clinician. See the VPAP III Smart Data Diary for further details.

Table 3: Results Menu

Function	Function Description	Setting Options
Mask Fit (Smart Data)	Displays a star rating corresponding to the average mask leak from the previous session. See Table 1 on page 13 for Mask-Fit star rating description.	View only
Usage (Smart Data)	Displays usage hours from the previous session. See Table 1 on page 13 for Mask-Fit star rating description.	View only

Options Menu

Table 4: Options Menu

Function	Default	Function Description	Setting Options
Smart Data –Auto Appear	OFF	The Smart Data menu is displayed only if one or more of the options have been set to ON by the clinician. If Auto Appear is set to ON, the Smart Data screens are displayed upon powering up of the device. If Auto Appear is set to OFF, Smart Data is displayed in the Results menu only.	ON/OFF
Language	English	Selects the language the VPAP III ST-A uses for all its display text. English is the default language.	English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Swedish, Dutch

Servicing Menu

Table 5: Servicing Menu

Function	Function Description	Setting Options
Serial Number (SN)	Displays the serial number for the VPAP III ST-A.	View only
Settings Summary Screens*	Displays your VPAP III ST-A settings for your clinician.	View only
Printed Circuit Board (PCB)	Displays the printed circuit board number.	View only
Software*	Displays the current software version installed in the VPAP III ST-A.	View only

* These items also appear in the Standard Menu.

Treatment Screens

After starting treatment, you can display one of the treatment screens below. Press the **Up/Down** key to switch between views.

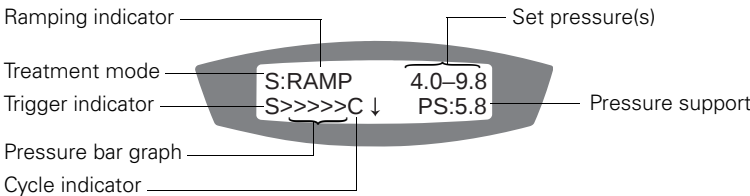


Figure 3: Treatment screen 1

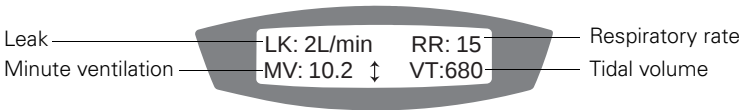


Figure 4: Treatment screen 2

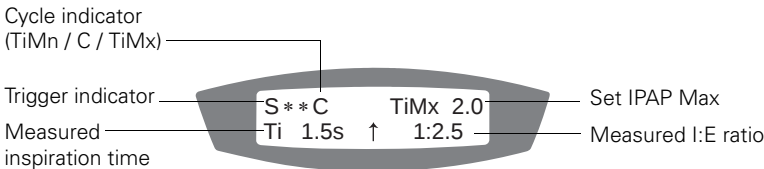


Figure 5: Treatment screen 3

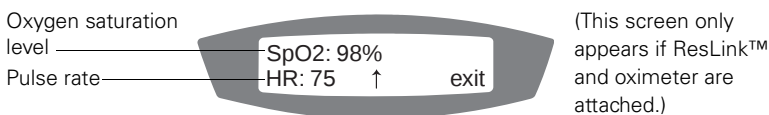


Figure 6: Treatment screen 4 (only if ResLink and pulse oximeter are attached)

The treatment screens contain the following information:

Treatment mode: Mode of treatment set by your clinician. Options include: CPAP, Spontaneous, Spontaneous/Timed and Timed.

Ramping indicator: Appears if the VPAP III ST-A is in ramp mode. This disappears once the ramp time has elapsed.

Set pressure(s): In CPAP mode, this displays the set treatment pressure (units: centimeters of water). In other modes, it is exhalation and inhalation pressures (units: centimeters of water).

Pressure support: The difference between exhalation and inhalation pressures (units: centimeters of water).

Trigger indicator: How the VPAP III ST-A changes the pressure when you are inhaling. "S" (Spontaneous) indicates a patient triggered change and "T" (Timed) indicates a device triggered change.

Cycle indicator: How the VPAP III ST-A changes the pressure when you are exhaling. "C" indicates a patient cycled change. "T" (Treatment screen 1), and "TiMn" and "TiMx" (Treatment screen 3) indicate a device cycled change.

Pressure bar graph: Graphical display of the changing pressure.

Leak: Current mask leak (units: liters per minute).

Respiratory rate: Number of breaths per minute.

Minute ventilation: Volume of air inhaled per minute (units: liters per minute). It is the product of respiratory rate and tidal volume.

Tidal volume: Volume of air inhaled per breath (units: milliliters per breath).

Measured inspiration time: The average inhalation time measured by the VPAP III ST-A.

Set IPAP Max: The maximum inhalation time set by your clinician.

Measured I:E ratio: The inhalation to exhalation ratio measured by the VPAP III ST-A.

Oxygen saturation level: Percentage of oxygen in your blood stream (only appears if ResLink and oximeter are attached).

Pulse rate (HR): Measured in beats per minute (only appears if ResLink and oximeter are attached).

Non-vented Mask Alarm Screen

If the non-vented mask alarm has been disabled by your clinician, the following screen is displayed after starting therapy. To exit this screen, press any key to display the treatment screens, or stop treatment.



The Alarms

The VPAP III ST-A unit is fitted with alarms to alert you to changes that will affect your treatment.

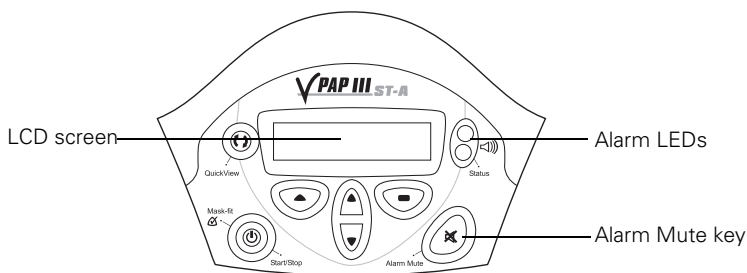
Alarm Mute Key

You can mute an alarm by pressing the **Alarm Mute** key once. If the problem is still present, the alarm will sound again after two minutes. An alarm LED will remain lit for as long as the problem is present.

Testing the Alarm

To test the alarm, hold down the **Alarm Mute** key for three seconds. On release of the **Alarm Mute** key, the alarm should sound and the LED should flash for 10 seconds and then stop. ResMed recommends testing the alarm each week.

All menus remain available during an alarm. Treatment screens cannot be viewed during an alarm condition.



Alarms Troubleshooting

The most common reason for an alarm to sound is because the system has not been properly assembled. Check that the air tubing has been properly attached to the flow generator and mask (and humidifier if used).

When an alarm has been activated, the bottom line of the LCD screen will display either alarm information or recommended instructions for you or your clinician.

Note: The alarm actions listed below are based on having the appropriate alarm settings for your therapy. When an alarm is activated, confirm the alarm settings with your clinician.



CAUTION

In the event of power failure or machine malfunction, remove the mask.

Warning Signal	Cause	Action
The flow generator stops delivering air pressure. Sound: Two alternating continuous tones LCD: <i>LCD turns off</i> LED: Red flashing Alarm: Power fail	• Power failure. • Power cord is disconnected or VPAP III ST-A switched off while delivering treatment (without pressing the Start/ Stop key).	Alarm will stop: when the Alarm Mute key is pressed, or after two minutes, or when power is restored.
The flow generator stops delivering air pressure. Sound: Single intermittent tone LCD: CHECK TUBE LED: Yellow flashing Alarm: System fault	• Air tubing disconnected from the HumidAire 2i/ 2iC. • Hardware failure.	1. Check that the air tubing is connected properly to the HumidAire 2i/2iC. 2. Check that the HumidAire 2i/2iC or front cover is connected properly to the flow generator. 3. Turn the VPAP III ST-A off and on again at the power switch. If the alarm persists, return the unit to ResMed for servicing.
The flow generator stops delivering air pressure. Sound: Single intermittent tone LCD: PRESSURE ERROR! LED: Yellow flashing Alarm: Over pressure	Treatment pressure delivered above a set level.	• Return the VPAP III ST-A for servicing. • DO NOT USE THE VPAP III ST-A DEVICE.
Sound: Single intermittent tone LCD: IPAP LOWER ALARM LED: Yellow flashing Alarm: Over use	VPAP III ST-A is operating outside device specifications.	Continue using and contact your clinician about this alarm. Device settings may require adjustment.
The flow generator stops delivering air pressure. Sound: Single intermittent tone LCD: SENSOR ERROR! LED: Yellow flashing Alarm: System Error	Hardware error.	• Return the VPAP III ST-A for servicing. • DO NOT USE THE VPAP III ST-A DEVICE.

Warning Signal	Cause	Action
The flow generator stops delivering air pressure. Sound: Single intermittent tone LCD: SYSTEM ERROR Call service! LED: Yellow flashing Alarm: System Error	Component failure.	• Return the VPAP III ST-A for servicing. • DO NOT USE THE VPAP III ST-A DEVICE.
Sound: Single intermittent tone LCD: HIGH LEAK!!! LED: Yellow flashing Alarm: Mask off	High mask leak for more than 20 seconds.	Adjust the mask to minimize leak. See “Using the Mask-Fitting Feature” on page 12.
Sound: Single intermittent tone LCD: LOW PRES ALARM LED: Yellow flashing Alarm: Low mask pressure	• Air pressure at the mask has fallen below the alarm setting level. • Mask is removed while SmartStop has been disabled. • Excessive mask leak.	1. Reposition your mask and check it for a source of leaks. 2. Check that the air tubing is connected properly. 3. Turn the VPAP III ST-A off and on again at the power switch. If the alarm persists, return the unit to ResMed for servicing.
Sound: Single intermittent tone LCD: HIGH PRES ALARM LED: Yellow flashing Alarm: High mask pressure	Mask pressure exceeds alarm setting level.	1. Turn power off. 2. Turn power back on. 3. Try using the flow generator one more time. 4. If the high pressure alarm activates repeatedly, discontinue use and return to ResMed for servicing. If the alarm does not recur, then continue to use as normal.

Warning Signal	Cause	Action
Sound: Single intermittent tone LCD: LOW MV ALARM LED: Yellow flashing Alarm: Low minute ventilation	- Minute ventilation level has dropped below the alarm setting level. - Excessive mask leak.	1. Reposition your mask and check it for a source of leaks. 2. If the alarm persists, contact your clinician.
Sound: Single intermittent tone LCD: NVENT ALARM LED: Yellow flashing Alarm: Non-vented mask	- Connection of a non-vented mask. - Mask expiratory flow port (vent) may be blocked. - Use of supplemental oxygen with a vented mask.	- Ensure your mask has an expiratory flow port (vent). - Ensure your mask expiratory flow ports (vents) are not blocked. - Contact your clinician.

Helpful Hints

Starting out

Mouth Leaks

If using a nasal mask, try to keep your mouth closed during treatment. Air leaks from your mouth can decrease the effectiveness of your treatment. If mouth leaks are a problem, a full face mask or chin strap may help. Contact your clinician or equipment supplier for further details.

Mask Fitting

The flow generator delivers the most effective treatment when the mask is well fitted and comfortable. Treatment can be affected by leaks, so it is important to eliminate any leaks that may arise.

If you have problems trying to get a comfortable mask fit, contact your clinician or equipment supplier. You may benefit from a different size or style of mask.

You can also use the Mask-Fitting feature to help you fit your mask properly. See “Using the Mask-Fitting Feature” on page 12.

Before wearing your mask, wash your face to remove excess facial oils. This will allow a better fit and prolong the life of the mask cushion.

Nasal Irritation

Dryness

You may experience dryness of the nose, mouth and/or throat during the course of treatment, especially during winter. In many cases, a humidifier may resolve this discomfort. Contact your clinician for advice.

Runny or Blocked Nose

You may experience sneezing and/or a runny or blocked nose during the first few weeks of treatment. In many cases, nasal irritation can be resolved with a humidifier. Consult your clinician for advice.

Travelling with the VPAP III ST-A

International Use

Your VPAP III ST-A flow generator has an internal power adapter that enables it to operate in other countries. It will operate on power supplies of 100–240V and 50–60Hz. No special adjustment is necessary, but you will require an approved power cord for that country.

Using a Battery to Power the VPAP III ST-A

The VPAP III ST-A can be powered by battery using the ResMed DC-24/30 Converter, an inverter or a UPS (uninterruptible power supply).

Battery Requirements

We recommend a 12V or 24V deep-cycle battery. Battery capacity is determined by VPAP III ST-A's power consumption which is mainly affected by the IPAP pressure, usage hours and whether or not an integrated humidifier is connected.

Please refer to the *VPAP III Series Battery Power Guide* for the recommended battery type and capacity, or contact ResMed's Technical Services division for your specific application.

ResMed DC-24/30 Converter

ResMed supplies the DC-24/30 Converter (product code: 22015) which is compatible with the DC input of the VPAP III ST-A. This is an accessory that may be purchased separately through your ResMed distributor.

The DC-24/30 Converter can be connected to a 12V or 24V battery, or a cigarette lighter socket (in a vehicle). When using a DC power supply, the power is turned on and off via the switch on the converter, and not the power switch at the back of the VPAP III ST-A. No power will be supplied to the HumidAire 2i integrated humidifier when connected to a VPAP III ST-A using a converter.

Please refer to the DC-24/30 Converter instructions for further details.

Inverter or UPS

The power specifications for an inverter or a UPS are listed in the following table.

Configuration	Continuous Output Power Rating	Peak Output Power Rating
VPAP III ST-A (without HumidAire 2i humidifier)	60W	225W
VPAP III ST-A with HumidAire 2i humidifier	150W	300W (110V inverter) 600W (240V inverter)
Note: Use only a pure sine wave inverter when a HumidAire 2i is attached.		

The case temperature should be less than 122°F at an ambient temperature of 95°F. (For VPAP III ST-A temperature specifications, see “System Specifications” on page 34.)

Troubleshooting

If there is a problem, try the following suggestions. If the problem cannot be solved, contact your equipment supplier or ResMed. Do not attempt to open the VPAP III ST-A.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
<i>No display.</i>	Power not connected or switch at back is not on.	Ensure the power cable is connected and that the switch at the back of the device is in the ON position.
<i>Insufficient air delivered from the VPAP III ST-A.</i>	Ramp time is in use.	Wait for air pressure to build up.
	Air filter is dirty.	Replace air filter.
	Air tubing is kinked or punctured.	Straighten or replace tubing.
	Air tubing not connected properly.	Check air tubing.
	Mask and headgear not positioned correctly.	Adjust position of mask and headgear.
	Plug(s) missing from access port(s) on mask.	Replace plug(s).
<i>The VPAP III ST-A does not start when you breathe into the mask (when SmartStart is enabled).</i>	Pressure required for treatment may have changed.	See your clinician to adjust the pressure.
	Power cord not connected properly.	Connect power cord firmly at both ends.
	Power outlet may be faulty.	Try another power outlet.
	The VPAP III ST-A is not switched on.	Switch power switch at rear of the VPAP III ST-A to on (I).
	SmartStart not on.	Enable SmartStart.
	Mask Alarm has been enabled; SmartStart has automatically been disabled.	Disable Mask Alarm to enable SmartStart if appropriate.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
	Breath is not deep enough to trigger SmartStart.	Take a deep breath in and out through the mask.
	There is excessive leak.	Adjust position of mask and headgear.
	Plugs may be missing from ports on mask.	Replace them.
	Air tubing not connected properly.	Connect firmly at both ends.
	Air tubing kinked or punctured.	Straighten or replace.
	There is a large impedance (eg, antibacterial filter, oxygen connector) in the air circuit.	Press the Start/Stop key.
<i>VPAP III ST-A does not stop when you remove your mask.</i>	SmartStart/Stop is disabled.	Enable SmartStart/Stop.
	Use of a full face mask.	SmartStop does not work with a full face mask.
<i>SmartStart is enabled but the VPAP III ST-A does not stop automatically when you remove your mask.</i>	Incompatible humidifier or mask system being used.	Use only equipment as recommended and supplied by ResMed.
	Incorrect humidifier or mask settings.	Confirm settings are correct.
<i>Displays error message:</i> SYSTEM ERROR Call service!	Component failure.	Return your VPAP III ST-A for servicing.
<i>Excessive motor noise.</i>	Component failure.	Return your device for servicing.
<i>Display error message:</i> High leak in last session.	You have experienced excessively high leak levels during the night.	Check that your air tubing is connected properly and that your mask does not leak excessively. Use the mask-fitting feature to help you to fit your mask properly. If this message appears again, contact your clinician.

System Specifications

Dynamic pressure characteristics

IPAP: 3 to 30 cm H₂O (measured at the end of standard 6'6" air tubing)

EPAP: 3 to 25 cm H₂O (measured at the end of standard 6'6" air tubing)

CPAP: 4 to 20 cm H₂O (measured at the end of standard 6'6" air tubing)

Maximum single fault pressure: 40 cm H₂O

Maximum flow (CPAP mode, measured at the end of standard 2 m air tubing)

Pressure (cm H ₂ O)	Flow (L/min)
10	>220
15	>220
20	>220

Inspiratory trigger (nominal) characteristics

The minimum flow required to initiate IPAP by ASL5000 simulator with chronically weak efforts (R20, C20, BPM20):

- For HI (high) setting: 2.5 L/min
- For MED (medium) setting: 4.0 L/min
- For LO (low) setting: 7.5 L/min (accuracy ± 0.5 L/min)

when tested with IPAP = 10 cm H₂O, EPAP = 5 cm H₂O, Rise Time = Min, 6'6" air tubing, Ultra Mirage mask, zero leak.

Sound pressure level: <30 dB (tested in accordance with the requirements of ISO 17510-1:2002)

Dimensions (L x W x H): 10.6" x 9.1" x 5.6"

Weight: 5.1 lb

Air outlet: 22 mm taper, compatible with EN 1281-1:1997 Anesthetic & Respiratory Equipment - Conical Connectors

Pressure measurement: Internally mounted pressure transducer

Flow measurement: Internally mounted flow transducer

Power Supply: AC 100–240V, 2.2A ~ 50–60Hz; DC 24V, 2A

Housing Construction: Flame retardant engineering thermoplastic

Environmental Conditions

Operating temperature: +41°F to +95°F

Operating Humidity: 10–95% non-condensing

Storage and transport temperature: -4°F to +140°F

Storage and Transport Humidity: 10–95% non-condensing

Electromagnetic Compatibility

Product complies with all applicable electromagnetic compatibility requirements (EMC) according to IEC60601-1-2, for residential, commercial and light industry environments. For further details, see “Guidance and Manufacturer’s Declaration - Electromagnetic Emissions and Immunity” on page 37.

Air Filter: Two-layered, powder-bonded, polyester non-woven fiber

Air Tubing: Flexible plastic, 6’6” or 9’10” length

IEC 60601-1 Classifications

Class II (double insulation)

Type CF

Continuous operation

This flow generator is not suitable for use in the presence of a flammable anesthetic mixture with air, or with oxygen or nitrous oxide entrained in the flow generator airpath.

Table 6: Displayed values

Value	Range	Accuracy	Display Resolution
Pressure sensor at air outlet			
Pressure	-5 to 30 cm H ₂ O	±0.5 cm H ₂ O	0.1 cm H ₂ O
Flow sensor in flow generator*			
Leak	0–120 L/min	Greater of ±6 L/min or ±20%	1 L/min
Tidal volume	100–3000 mL	±5% [†]	1 mL
Respiratory rate	6–60 BPM	±0.5 BPM	1 BPM
Minute ventilation	0.6–60 L/min	±7% [‡]	0.1 L/min

* Results may be inaccurate in the presence of leaks.

† For tidal volume up to 800 mL.

‡ For minute ventilation up to 10 L/min.

Note: The manufacturer reserves the right to change these specifications without notice.

Symbols which may Appear on the Product



Attention, consult accompanying documents



Class II equipment



Type CF equipment



IPX1

Drip proof



Start/Stop



Mask-Fit



Alarm LEDs



Alarm Mute



QuickView



AC switch only

Guidance and Manufacturer’s Declaration - Electromagnetic Emissions and Immunity

Guidance and manufacturer’s declaration – electromagnetic emissions

The VPAP III ST-A is intended for use in the electromagnetic environment specified below. The customer or the user of the VPAP III ST-A should assure that it is used in such an environment.

Emissions test	Compliance	Electromagnetic environment - guidance
RF emissions CISPR 11	Group 1	The VPAP III ST-A uses RF energy only for its internal function. Therefore, its RF emissions are very low and are not likely to cause any interference in nearby electronic equipment.
RF emissions CISPR 11	Class B	The VPAP III ST-A is suitable for use in all establishments, including domestic establishments and those directly connected to the public low-voltage network that supplies buildings used for domestic purposes.
Harmonic Emissions IEC 61000-3-2	Class A	
Voltage Fluctuations/Flicker Emissions IEC 61000-3-3	Complies	

Medical Electrical Equipment needs special precautions regarding EMC and needs to be installed and put into service according to EMC information provided in this document.

Warnings: The VPAP III ST-A should not be used adjacent to or stacked with other equipment. If adjacent or stacked use is necessary, the VPAP III ST-A should be observed to verify normal operation in the configuration in which it will be used.

The use of accessories (eg, humidifiers) other than those specified in this manual is not recommended. They may result in increased emissions or decreased immunity of the VPAP III ST-A.

Guidance and manufacturer's declaration – electromagnetic immunity

The VPAP III ST-A is intended for use in the electromagnetic environment specified below. The customer or the user of the VPAP III ST-A should assure that it is used in such an environment.

Immunity test	IEC60601-1-2 test level	Compliance level	Electromagnetic environment – guidance
Electrostatic discharge (ESD) IEC 61000-4-2	±6 kV contact ±8 kV air	±6 kV contact ±8 kV air	Floors should be wood, concrete or ceramic tile. If floors are covered with synthetic material, the relative humidity should be at least 30%.
Electrical fast transient/burst IEC 61000-4-4	±2 kV for power supply lines ±1 kV for input/output lines	±2 kV Not Applicable	Mains power quality should be that of a typical commercial or hospital environment.
Surge IEC 61000-4-5	±1 kV differential mode ±2 kV common mode	±1 kV differential mode ±2 kV common mode	Mains power quality should be that of a typical commercial or hospital environment.
Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations on power supply input lines. IEC 61000-4-11	<5% U_t (>95% dip in U_t) for 0.5 cycle 40% U_t (60% dip in U_t) for 5 cycles 70% U_t (30% dip in U_t) for 25 cycles <5% U_t (>95% dip in U_t) for 5 sec	< 12 V (>95% dip in 240 V) for 0.5 cycle 96 V (60% dip in 240 V) for 5 cycles 168 V (30% dip in 240 V) for 25 cycles <12 V (>95% dip in 240 V) for 5 sec	Mains power quality should be that of a typical commercial or hospital environment. If the user of the VPAP III ST-A requires continued operation during power mains interruptions, it is recommended that the VPAP III ST-A be powered from an uninterruptible power source
Power frequency (50/60 Hz) magnetic field IEC 61000-4-8	3 A/m	3 A/m	Power frequency magnetic fields should be at levels characteristic of a typical location in a typical commercial or hospital environment

NOTE: U_t is the AC mains voltage prior to application of the test level.

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Guidance and manufacturer’s declaration – electromagnetic immunity (Continued)

The VPAP III ST-A is intended for use in the electromagnetic environment specified below. The customer or the user of the VPAP III ST-A should assure that it is used in such an environment.

Immunity test	IEC60601-1-2 test level	Compliance level	Electromagnetic environment – guidance
Conducted RF IEC 61000-4-6	3 Vrms 150 kHz to 80 MHz	3 Vrms	Portable and mobile RF communications equipment should be used no closer to any part of the VPAP III ST-A, including cables, than the recommended separation distance calculated from the equation applicable to the frequency of the transmitter. Recommended separation distance $d = 1.17 \sqrt{P}$
Radiated RF IEC 61000-4-3	10 V/m 80 MHz to 2.5 GHz	10 V/m	$d = 0.35 \sqrt{P}$ 80 MHz to 800 MHz $d = 0.70 \sqrt{P}$ 800 MHz to 2.5 GHz where P is the maximum output power rating of the transmitter in watts (W) according to the transmitter manufacturer and d is the recommended separation distance in meters (m). Field strengths from fixed RF transmitters, as determined by an electromagnetic site survey, ^a should be less than the compliance level in each frequency range. ^b Interference may occur in the vicinity of equipment marked with the following symbol: 

NOTE 1: At 80 MHz and 800 MHz, the higher frequency range applies.

NOTE 2: These guidelines may not apply in all situations. Electromagnetic propagation is affected by absorption and reflection from structures, objects and people.

^a Field strengths from fixed transmitters, such as base stations for radio (cellular/cordless) telephones and land mobile radios, amateur radio, AM and FM radio broadcast and TV broadcast cannot be predicted theoretically with accuracy. To assess the electromagnetic environment due to fixed RF transmitters, an electromagnetic site survey should be considered. If the measured field strength in the location in which the VPAP III ST-A is used exceeds the applicable RF compliance level above, the VPAP III ST-A should be observed to verify normal operation. If abnormal performance is observed, additional measures may be necessary, such as reorienting or relocating the VPAP III ST-A.

^b Over the frequency range 150 kHz to 80 MHz, field strengths should be less than 10 V/m.

Recommended separation distances between portable and mobile RF communications equipment and the VPAP III ST-A

The VPAP III ST-A is intended for use in an environment in which radiated RF disturbances are controlled. The customer or the user of the VPAP III ST-A can help prevent electromagnetic interference by maintaining a minimum distance between portable and mobile RF communications equipment (transmitters) and the VPAP III ST-A as recommended below, according to the maximum output power of the communications equipment.

	Separation distance according to frequency of transmitter m		
Rated maximum output power of transmitter W	150 kHz to 80 MHz $d = 1.17 \sqrt{P}$	80 MHz to 800 MHz $d = 0.35 \sqrt{P}$	800 MHz to 2.5 GHz $d = 0.7 \sqrt{P}$
0.01	0.17	0.04	0.07
0.1	0.37	0.11	0.22
1	1.17	0.35	0.7
10	3.69	1.11	2.21
100	11.70	3.50	7.0

For transmitters rated at a maximum output power not listed above, the recommended separation distance d in meters (m) can be determined using the equation applicable to the frequency of the transmitter, where P is the maximum output power rating of the transmitter in watts (W) according to the transmitter manufacturer.

NOTE 1: At 80 MHz and 800 MHz, the separation distance for the higher frequency range applies.

NOTE 2: These guidelines may not apply in all situations. Electromagnetic propagation is affected by absorption and reflection from structures, objects and people.

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Product	Warranty Period
ResMed humidifiers, ResControl™, ResLink™, ResTraxx™	1 Year
ResMed flow generators	2 Years
Accessories, mask systems (including mask frame, cushion, headgear and tubing). Excludes single-use devices.	90 Days

Note: *Some models are not available in all regions.*

If the product fails under conditions of normal use, ResMed will repair or replace, at its option, the defective product or any of its components. This Limited Warranty does not cover:

- a) any damage caused as a result of improper use, abuse, modification or alteration of the product;
- b) repairs carried out by any service organization that has not been expressly authorized by ResMed to perform such repairs;
- c) any damage or contamination due to cigarette, pipe, cigar or other smoke;
- d) any damage caused by water being spilled on or into a flow generator.

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