

Amersham™ Typhoon

Operating Instructions

Original instructions



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1 Introduction

About this chapter

This chapter contains important user information, descriptions of safety notices, regulatory information, and intended use of the Amersham Typhoon system.

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1.1 About this manual

Purpose of this manual

The *Operating Instructions* provide you with the information needed to install, operate and maintain the product in a safe way.

Scope of this manual

The *Operating Instructions* cover the Amersham Typhoon scanner and the Amersham Typhoon Control Software. The illustration below shows the Amersham Typhoon scanner.



Descriptions of Amersham Eraser and Amersham Cabinet are not covered in this document.

Typographical conventions

Software items are identified in the text by ***bold italic*** text.

Hardware items are identified in the text by **bold** text (for example, **Power** switch).

1.2 Important user information

Read this before operating the product



All users must read the entire *Operating Instructions* before installing, operating or maintaining the product.

Always keep the *Operating Instructions* at hand when operating the product.

Do not operate the product in any other way than described in the user documentation. If you do, you may be exposed to hazards that can lead to personal injury and you may cause damage to the equipment.

Intended use of the Amersham Typhoon scanner

The Amersham Typhoon scanner is a versatile laser scanner that can be used for many different imaging applications, including:

- imaging of storage phosphor screens
- fluorescence imaging with multiple lasers, for example for multiplex Western blotting and two-dimensional difference gel electrophoresis (2D DIGE)
- imaging of gels with colorimetric stains
- densitometric imaging, for example of Coomassie™ blue stained gels

Amersham Typhoon scanner is intended for research use only, and shall not be used in any clinical procedures or for diagnostic purposes.

Prerequisites

In order to operate Amersham Typhoon scanner in the way it is intended, the following prerequisites must be fulfilled:

- You must have read and understood the safety instructions in the user documentation.
- All operations should be performed by qualified personnel who are adequately trained.

- Amersham Typhoon scanner must be installed in accordance with the site requirements and instructions in [Chapter 5 Installation, on page 78](#).
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Safety notices

This user documentation contains safety notices (WARNING, CAUTION, and NOTICE) concerning the safe use of the product. See definitions below.



WARNING

WARNING indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury. It is important not to proceed until all stated conditions are met and clearly understood.



CAUTION

CAUTION indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury. It is important not to proceed until all stated conditions are met and clearly understood.



NOTICE

NOTICE indicates instructions that must be followed to avoid damage to the product or other equipment.

Notes and tips

Note: *A note is used to indicate information that is important for trouble-free and optimal use of the product.*

Tip: *A tip contains useful information that can improve or optimize your procedures.*

1.3 Regulatory information

Introduction

This section lists the regulations and standards that apply to Amersham Typhoon scanner.

Manufacturing information

The table below summarizes the required manufacturing information.

Requirement	Information
Name and address of manufacturer	GE Healthcare Bio-Sciences AB, Björkgatan 30, SE 751 84 Uppsala, Sweden

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1.3.1 EU Directives

Conformity with EU Directives

This product fulfills the European Directives listed below. See the EU Declaration of Conformity for the directives and regulations that apply for the CE marking.

If not included with the product, a copy of the EU Declaration of Conformity is available on request.

Directive	Title
2006/42/EC	Machinery Directive (MD)
2014/30/EU	Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Directive
2014/35/EU	Low Voltage Directive (LVD)
2011/65/EU	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Directive

CE marking



The CE marking and the corresponding EU Declaration of Conformity is valid for the instrument when it is:

- used as a stand-alone unit, or
- connected to other products recommended or described in the user documentation, and
- used in the same state as it was delivered from GE, except for alterations described in the user documentation.

1.3.2 Regulations for USA and Canada

UL conformity



This symbol indicates that Amersham Typhoon has been certified by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL).

NRTL means an organization, which is recognized by the US Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) as meeting the legal requirements of Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations (29 CFR), Part 1910.7.

This product complies with UL61010-1 and CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 61010-1 standards.

FCC compliance

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Note: *The user is cautioned that any changes or modifications not expressly approved by GE could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.*

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

1.3.3 Other regulations and standards

Environmental conformity

This product conforms to the following environmental requirements.

Requirement	Title
2012/19/EU	Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive
China RoHS	Management Methods for the Restriction of the Use of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Products.

Standards, machinery and electrical equipment

Harmonized standard requirements fulfilled by this product are summarized in the table below.

Standard	Description
EN 61010-1, IEC 61010-1, UL 61010-1, CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 61010-1	Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use - Part 1: General requirements.
IEC/EN 61010-2-081, UL61010-2-081, CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 61010-2-081	Particular requirements for automatic and semi-automatic laboratory equipment for analysis and other purposes.
EN 61326-1, IEC 61326-1, FCC Part 15 B Class A, ICES-003 Class A	Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use - EMC requirements.
EN ISO 12100	Safety of machinery. General principles for design. Risk assessment and risk reduction.
EN60529, IEC60529	Degrees of protection provided by enclosures.

Regulations and standards, products containing lasers

Regulation / Standard	Description
EN/IEC 60825-1	Safety of laser products
USA 21 CFR, Chapter I, Subchapter J, Part 1040.10 Laser Products	Safety of laser products

This instrument is a class 1 Laser Product (IEC60825-1/EN60825-1). This instrument meets the laser radiation safety requirements specified in the Code of the Federal Regulations (21 CFR, Chapter 1, Subchapter J).



The following lasers can be installed in the Amersham Typhoon scanner:

Laser and class	Wavelength	Operating power	Maximum power
LD laser, class 3B	488 nm	25 mW (CW)	70 mW
SHG laser, class 3B	532 nm	10 mW (CW)	80 mW
LD laser, class 3B	635 nm	84 mW (CW)	220 mW
LD laser, class 3B	685 nm	50 mW (CW)	290 mW
LD laser, class 3B	785 nm	100 mW (CW)	230 mW

Note: *The beam divergence of all laser modules is collimated.*

Different lasers are installed depending on the configuration, see [Main components in Amersham Typhoon scanner, on page 128](#).

2 Safety instructions

About this chapter

This chapter describes safety precautions, labels and symbols that are attached to the equipment. In addition, the chapter describes emergency and recovery procedures, and provides recycling information.



WARNING

Before installing, operating or maintaining the product, all users must read and understand the entire contents of this chapter to become aware of the hazards involved.

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2.1 Radiation

2.1 Radiation

Radiation hazard prevention

This instrument is not equipped with any radioisotope or radiation generating unit, and is therefore not regulated by radiation hazard prevention laws. However, the instrument is capable of scanning storage phosphor screens which may be polluted by radioisotopes.



CAUTION

If radioisotope (RI) pollution occurs, stop use of the instrument immediately and follow the instructions of your radiation administrator.

Controlled area

Paragraph 1 of Article 1 of the Law Enforcement Rules for Prevention of Radiation Hazards due to Radioisotope and so forth (Prime Minister's Office ordinance No. 56) defines the controlled area as "a place where the dose equivalent related to external radiation exceeds the dose equivalent determined by the Director General of the Science and Technology Agency (hereinafter referred to as the Director General), the concentration of radioisotope in the air exceeds the concentration determined by the Director General, or the radioisotope density on the surface polluted by radioisotope exceeds the density determined by the Director General."

Limit of superficial pollution

Paragraph 3 of Article 4 of Notice No. 15 of the Science and Technology Agency that determines the quantity, etc. of radiating isotope specifies that the density of radioisotope on the surface polluted by radioisotope must be one tenth of the density defined in Article 8.

Article 8 and Table 3 of this Notice define the limits as shown below:

- 1 Superficial density of radioisotope that radiates alpha rays: 4 Bq/cm^2
 - 2 Superficial density of radioisotope that does not radiate alpha rays: 40 Bq/cm^2
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Installation site of instrument

This instrument is capable of scanning not only storage phosphor screens but also fluorescent pigment label samples (non-RI method). Therefore, it is recommended that the user should install it outside the controlled area and use RI-indicated samples without contacting them with storage phosphor screens directly.

However, as described above, the storage phosphor screen surface may be polluted by radioisotope (RI), depending on the sample condition, since the instrument sticks the sample to the ^3H -compatible storage phosphor screen surface and exposes it in an auto-radiography experiment of the ^3H label sample.

The degree of superficial pollution of the storage phosphor screen is greatly influenced by the dryness of the sample and dose of radioisotope in an experiment and may exceed the limits mentioned in the section above.

When the instrument reads a storage phosphor screen with a polluted non-exposure area, it may be polluted. The degree of such superficial pollution greatly differs with users' operation conditions. Superficial pollution may exceed the limit mentioned above.

Note: *As mentioned above, install this instrument in the RI controlled area if the user uses RI-indicated samples that will be in direct contact with storage phosphor screens.*

Removal from the controlled area

If it is necessary to move the instrument and its laboratory, which were installed and have been used in the controlled area, from the controlled area, make sure that the degree of the superficial pollution is below the limits mentioned in [Limit of superficial pollution, on page 14](#) above.

2.2 Safety precautions

Introduction

Amersham Typhoon scanner is powered by mains voltage and handles materials that may be hazardous. Before installing, operating or maintaining the system, you must be aware of the hazards described in this manual.

Follow the instructions provided to avoid personal injuries, damage to the product, or to other personnel and equipment in the area.

The safety precautions in this section are grouped into the following categories:

- General precautions
 - Personal protection
 - Power supply
 - Installing and moving the system
 - System operation
 - Maintenance
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General precautions



WARNING

Do not use the equipment if smoke, strange noises or strange odors can be perceived, or if the equipment becomes unusually hot. This may result in fire or electric shock.

Stop using the equipment immediately, turn off the power switch and unplug the equipment from the power outlet. Contact your local GE representative to request repair.



WARNING

Do not damage the power supply cord by bending, twisting, heating or allowing them to become pinned under the equipment. Using damaged power cords could result in fire or electric shock.

If the power supply cords are damaged, contact your local GE representative for replacements.



WARNING

Do not allow liquids, flammable materials or metallic objects to get into the Amersham Typhoon. This may result in fire or electric shock.

In case of malfunction, turn off the power switch, unplug the equipment from the power outlet, then contact you local GE representative.



WARNING

Never detach the inner cover screwed to this instrument. If it is detached, laser beam may leak with a risk of loss of vision.



WARNING

Never modify the interlocks in this instrument, laser beam may leak with a risk of loss of vision.



CAUTION

If radioisotope (RI) pollution occurs, stop use of the instrument immediately and follow the instructions of your radiation administrator.



CAUTION

Use of controls or adjustments or performance of procedures other than those specified herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure.



NOTICE

Avoid any shock or vibration to the equipment, as this may damage the equipment.

Personal protection



CAUTION

Always wear gloves, protective glasses and a lab coat or similar when handling samples.



CAUTION

Always wear cotton gloves when handling storage phosphor screens.

Power supply



WARNING

Do not use the equipment with a power supply other than that recommended. Fire and electric shock could result.



WARNING

The Amersham Typhoon scanner must always be connected to a grounded power outlet.



WARNING

Do not block access to the power switch and power cord. The power switch must always be easy to access. The power cord with plug must always be easy to disconnect.



WARNING

Connect the power supply directly to a grounded wall power outlet. The use of extension cords or multiple loads on one electrical outlet could result in fire and electric shock.



WARNING

Only use power cords delivered or approved by GE.



CAUTION

Do not use the same power supply as that of large equipment such as an air conditioner or centrifuge. Malfunction could result.

Installing and moving



WARNING

Do not block the ventilation inlets or outlets on the system.



WARNING

Do not place the equipment on unstable tables or on inclined surfaces, as the equipment could be dropped or fall, resulting in injury.



CAUTION

Only authorized service personnel are allowed to install or move Amersham Typhoon scanner. Contact your local GE representative for help and advice.



CAUTION

Install the Amersham Typhoon scanner in a location where it will not come into contact with water or chemicals.

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2.2 Safety precautions



CAUTION

- Do not connect any USB devices other than the Amersham Typhoon scanner to the computer in which the Amersham Typhoon Control Software is installed. Malfunction could result.
- Use only the Amersham Typhoon Control Software during scanning.



CAUTION

Connect the computer hardware on the same power circuit as the scanner, otherwise the equipment may be influenced by electrical noise.



CAUTION

Do not block the cooling fans. If they are blocked, the instrument may malfunction.



NOTICE

Any computer used with the equipment must comply with EN/IEC 60950-1, and be installed and used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Operation



WARNING

Do not use the instrument within or near a sink, or in humid (above 70% RH) or dusty environments. Fire and electric shock could result.



WARNING

When opening or closing the main scanner door, make sure that no objects or body parts are caught in the main scanner door.



CAUTION

Do not place heavy objects on the instrument, these may fall off and cause injury.



CAUTION

Do not open the main scanner door or filter door while the device is in operation. Injury could result.



CAUTION

Do not scratch or drop parts containing glass such as lenses, filters or lights.



CAUTION

Handle the sample stages and the digitization plate with care to avoid dropping them.



CAUTION

Be careful not to break the glass surface of the fluor stage.



CAUTION

Reagents used to prepare the sample should be used in accordance with the manufacturer instructions.

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2.2 Safety precautions



CAUTION

Do not leave samples in the instrument after scanning. If left, these may degrade and cause damage to the instrument.



CAUTION

Do not insert a storage phosphor screen in Amersham Typhoon before turning on the machine. If a storage phosphor screen is detected during the self-diagnosis of the Amersham Typhoon, the sensitivity of the storage phosphor screen may deteriorate and reduce the quality of the scanned data.



CAUTION

Do not turn off power during operation as this can cause loss of data in the internal memory. Only turn off power in an emergency situation.



CAUTION

Do not use the instrument within or near a sink, or in humid (above 70% RH) or dusty environments. This can result in data failure.



NOTICE

The automatic sleep mode of the computer should be turned off to prevent the computer from entering sleep mode during a scan. Otherwise loss of data might occur.

Maintenance



WARNING

Do not attempt to modify the instrument, or fire and electric shock could result.



WARNING

Do not use excessive amounts of liquids for cleaning the Amersham Typhoon, this may result in product malfunction or electric shock.



CAUTION

Wear gloves to prevent direct contact with chemical substances.



CAUTION

Take care when connecting the power supply cable. Do not tug on the cable, and do not handle the connection plugs with wet hands.



CAUTION

Turn off the power switch and remove connecting cables before moving the equipment.



CAUTION

Turn the power switch off before cleaning the inside of the equipment.



CAUTION

Unplug the equipment if it will not be used for an extended period.

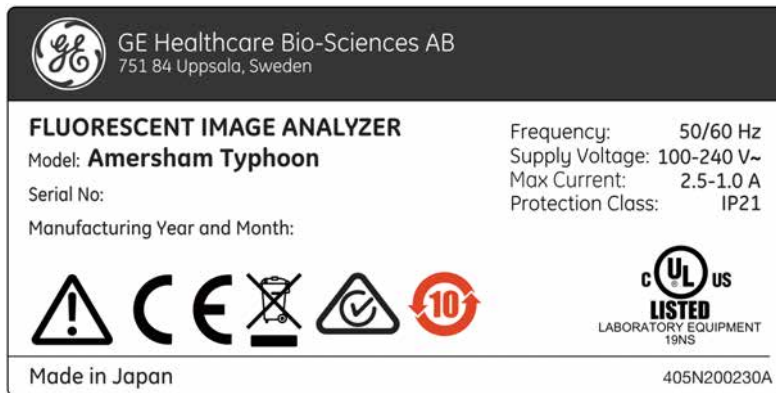
2.3 Labels


About this section






This section describes the system label and other safety or regulatory labels that are attached to Amersham Typhoon scanner.

System label

The illustration below shows an example of a system label that is attached to Amersham Typhoon scanner. The system label identifies the product and shows electrical data and regulatory compliance.




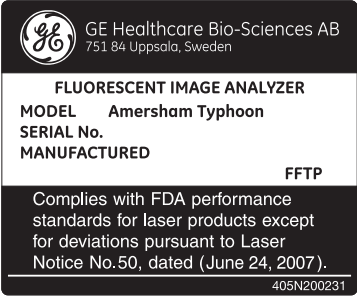

Label text	Description
Model	Instrument model
Serial number	Instrument serial number
Manufacturing Year and Month	Manufacturing year and month
Frequency	Supply voltage frequency
Supply Voltage	Supply voltage
Max Current	Max. current consumption
Protection class	Protection class. Ingress protection according to IEC 60529.
	Warning! Read the user documentation before using the system. Do not open any covers or replace parts unless specifically stated in the user documentation.

Label text	Description
	The system complies with applicable European directives.
	This symbol indicates that waste electrical and electronic equipment must not be disposed as unsorted municipal waste and must be collected separately. Please contact an authorized representative of the manufacturer for information concerning the decommissioning of equipment.
	The system complies with the requirements for electromagnetic compliance (EMC) in Australia and New Zealand.
	This symbol indicates that the product contains hazardous materials in excess of the limits established by the Chinese standard <i>SJ/T11364-2014 Requirements for Concentration Limits for Certain Hazardous Substances in Electronics</i> .
	This symbol indicates that Amersham Typhoon scanner has been certified by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL).

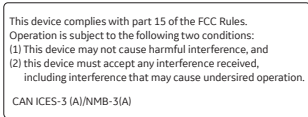
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2.3 Labels




Labels concerning lasers

Label	Meaning
 <p>警告 ここを開くとクラス3Bの可視光及び不可視光が出ます。 ビームの線ばくを避けてください。</p> <p>WARNING CLASS 3B VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE LASER RADIATION WHEN OPEN. AVOID EXPOSURE TO THE BEAM.</p> <p>AVERTISSEMENT RAYONNEMENT LASER VISIBLE ET INVISIBLE DE CLASSE 3B A L'OUVERTURE. EVITER L'EXPOSITION AU RAYON.</p>	<p>Warning! The instrument contains lasers and service is only allowed by trained service engineers. Do not modify the instrument in any way.</p>
 <p> GE Healthcare Bio-Sciences AB 751 84 Uppsala, Sweden</p> <p>FLUORESCENT IMAGE ANALYZER</p> <p>MODEL Amersham Typhoon</p> <p>SERIAL No.</p> <p>MANUFACTURED</p> <p style="text-align: right;">FFTP</p> <p>Complies with FDA performance standards for laser products except for deviations pursuant to Laser Notice No.50, dated (June 24, 2007).</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>405N200231</small></p>	<p>This product complies with FDA performance standards for laser products except for deviations pursuant to Laser Notice No. 50, dated (June 24, 2007).</p>

Other safety labels

Label	Meaning
 <p>This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.</p> <p>CAN ICES-3 (A)/NMB-3(A)</p>	<p>This device complies with part 15 of the FCC rules.</p> <p>CAN ICES-3 (A)/NMB-3 (A)</p>

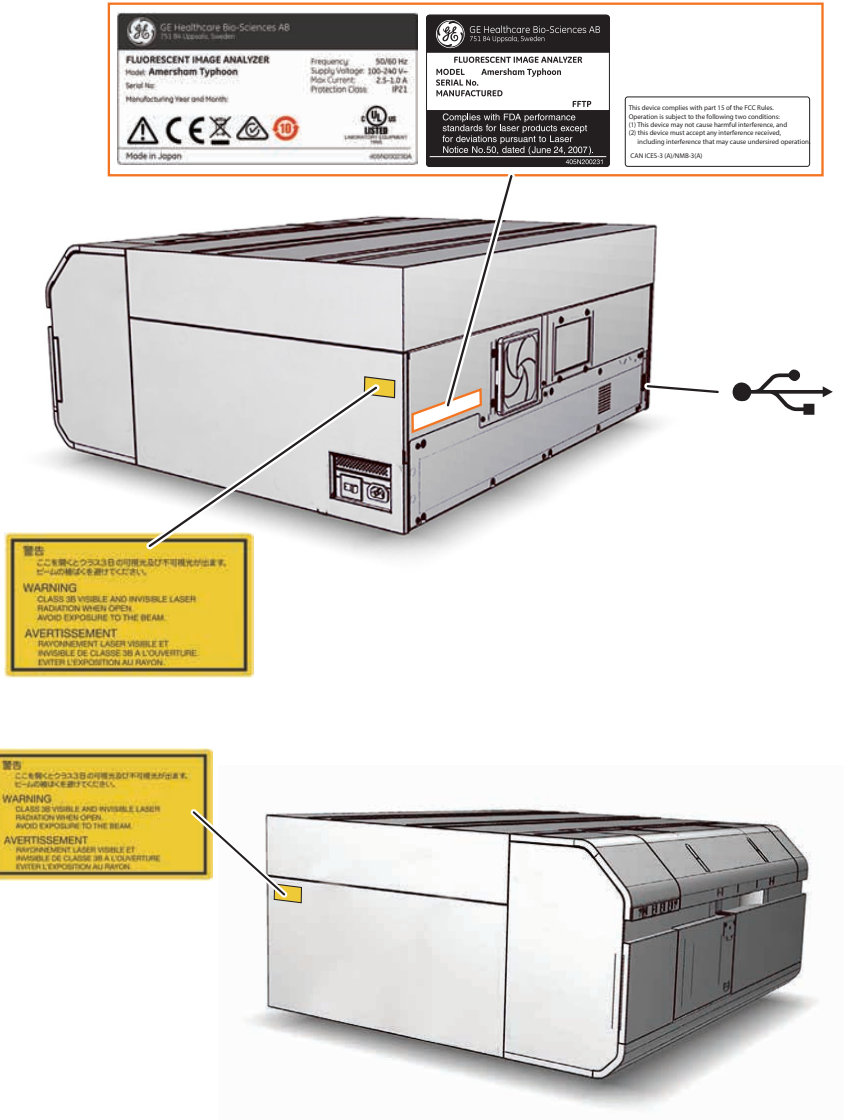
Symbols on the Amersham Typhoon scanner

Label	Meaning
	On/Off switch
	Power switch I: Power ON O: Power OFF
	USB port

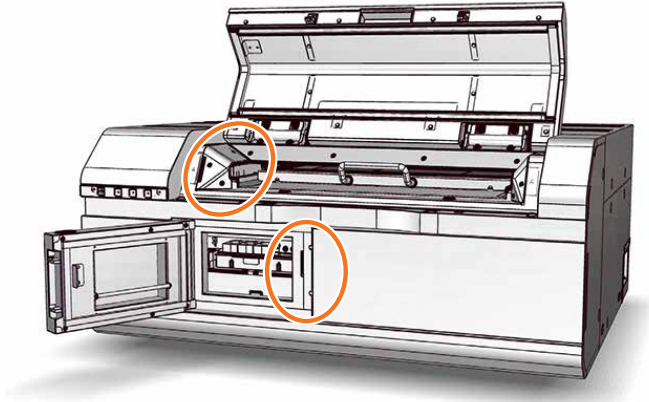
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2.3 Labels

Location of labels and symbols on the Amersham Typhoon scanner



Interlock parts inside the Amersham Typhoon scanner



Never insert any foreign objects into the interlock parts to avoid potential laser exposure and injury.

2.4 Emergency procedures

About this section

This section describes how to do an emergency shutdown of Amersham Typhoon scanner. The section also describes the results of a power failure.

Precautions



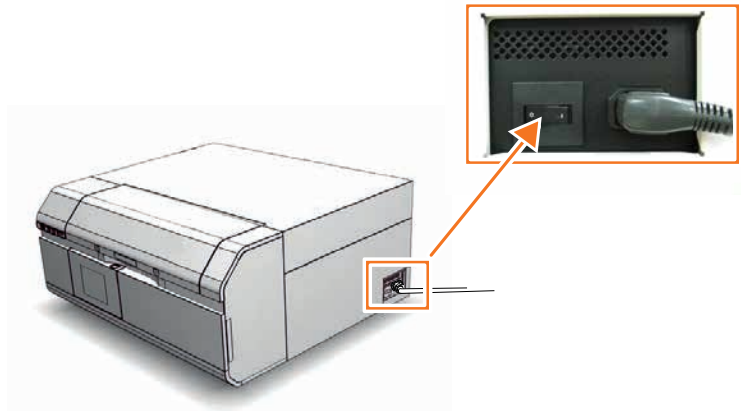
WARNING

Access to power switch and power cord with plug. Do not block access to the power switch and power cord. The power switch must always be easy to access. The power cord with plug must always be easy to disconnect.

Emergency shutdown

In an emergency situation, follow the steps below to stop the scan:

- | Step | Action |
|------|---|
| 1 | Click the Stop button in the Amersham Typhoon Control Software. |
| 2 | Turn off the Amersham Typhoon scanner by switching the power switch on the right side of the instrument to the O position. |



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|---|---|
| 3 | Disconnect the power cord from the wall socket. |
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Power failure

The following table describes the consequences of a power failure.

Power failure to...	will result in...
Amersham Typhoon scanner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The scan is interrupted immediately. The instrument is in an undefined state.• The data collected up to the time of the power failure is available in the file created when starting the scan.
Computer running the control software	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The computer shuts down immediately.• The run continues, but no data is saved.
Amersham Typhoon scanner and computer running the control software	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The scan is interrupted immediately. The instrument is in an undefined state.• The computer shuts down immediately and no data is saved.

Restart after emergency shutdown or power failure

Follow the instructions to restart the instrument after an emergency shutdown or power failure.

Step	Action
1	Make sure that the condition that caused the emergency shutdown or power failure is corrected.
2	If power to the instrument has been lost, re-start the instrument as described in Start the Amersham Typhoon scanner, on page 91 .
3	Re-start the computer and Amersham Typhoon Control Software as described in Start the Amersham Typhoon Control Software, on page 92 .

2.5 Recycling information

Introduction

This section contains information about the decommissioning of Amersham Typhoon scanner.

Decontamination

The product must be decontaminated before decommissioning. All local regulations must be followed with regard to scrapping of the equipment.

General instructions for disposal

When taking Amersham Typhoon scanner out of service, the different materials must be separated and recycled according to national and local environmental regulations.

Specific instructions for disposal

Measure the superficial radio isotope pollution of the instrument and storage phosphor screen as mentioned in the [Radiation hazard prevention, on page 14](#).

If the pollution level exceeds the limit, dispose of the instrument as radioactive waste. Otherwise, dispose of the materials according to applicable laws and regulations for disposal of industrial waste.

Disposal of electrical components

Waste of electrical and electronic equipment must not be disposed as unsorted municipal waste and must be collected separately. Please contact an authorized representative of the manufacturer for information concerning the decommissioning of the equipment.



2.6 Declaration of Hazardous Substances (DoHS)

根据SJ/T11364-2014《电子电气产品有害物质限制使用标识要求》特提供如下有关污染控制方面的信息。

The following product pollution control information is provided according to SJ/T11364-2014 Marking for Restriction of Hazardous Substances caused by electrical and electronic products.

电子信息产品污染控制标志说明

Explanation of Pollution Control Label



该标志表明本产品含有超过中国标准GB/T 26572《电子电气产品中限用物质的限量要求》中限量的有害物质。标志中的数字为本产品的环保使用期，表明本产品在正常使用的条件下，有毒有害物质不会发生外泄或突变，用户使用本产品不会对环境造成严重污染或对其人身、财产造成严重损害的期限。单位为年。

为保证所声明的环保使用期限，应按产品手册中所规定的环境条件和方法进行正常使用，并严格遵守产品维修手册中规定的定期维修和保养要求。

产品中的消耗件和某些零部件可能有其单独的环保使用期限标志，并且其环保使用期限有可能比整个产品本身的环保使用期限短。应到期按产品维修程序更换那些消耗件和零部件，以保证所声明的整个产品的环保使用期限。

本产品在使用寿命结束时不可作为普通生活垃圾处理，应被单独收集妥善处理。

This symbol indicates the product contains hazardous materials in excess of the limits established by the Chinese standard GB/T 26572 Requirements of concentration limits for certain restricted substances in electrical and electronic products. The number in the symbol is the Environment-friendly Use Period (EFUP), which indicates the period during which the hazardous substances contained in electrical and electronic products will not leak or mutate under normal operating conditions so that the use of such electrical and electronic products will not result in any severe environmental pollution, any bodily injury or damage to any assets. The unit of the period is "Year".

In order to maintain the declared EFUP, the product shall be operated normally according to the instructions and environmental conditions as defined in the product manual, and periodic maintenance schedules specified in Product Maintenance Procedures shall be followed strictly.

Consumables or certain parts may have their own label with an EFUP value less than the product. Periodic replacement of those consumables or parts to maintain the declared EFUP shall be done in accordance with the Product Maintenance Procedures.

This product must not be disposed of as unsorted municipal waste, and must be collected separately and handled properly after decommissioning.

有害物质的名称及含量

Name and Concentration of Hazardous Substances

产品中有害物质的名称及含量

Table of Hazardous Substances' Name and Concentration

部件名称 Component name	有害物质 Hazardous substance					
	铅 (Pb)	汞 (Hg)	镉 (Cd)	六价铬 (Cr(VI))	多溴联苯 (PBB)	多溴二苯醚 (PBDE)
29187191	X	0	X	0	0	0
29187193	X	0	X	0	0	0
29187194	X	0	0	0	0	0

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- 0: 表示该有害物质在该部件所有均质材料中的含量均在GB/T 26572规定的限量要求以下。
- X: 表示该有害物质至少在该部件的某一均质材料中的含量超出GB/T 26572规定的限量要求。
- 此表所列数据为发布时所能获得的最佳信息。
- 0: Indicates that this hazardous substance contained in all of the homogeneous materials for this part is below the limit requirement in GB/T 26572.
- X: Indicates that this hazardous substance contained in at least one of the homogeneous materials used for this part is above the limit requirement in GB/T 26572.
- Data listed in the table represents best information available at the time of publication.

3 System description

About this chapter

This chapter gives an overview of Amersham Typhoon scanner and a brief description of its function.

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3.1 System overview

Introduction

The Amersham Typhoon scanner is a laser scanner that can be used for many different imaging applications. The scanner is part of the complete Amersham Typhoon system, that consists of the scanner, an eraser and a cabinet.



Part	Function
1	Amersham Typhoon scanner
2	Amersham Eraser
3	Amersham Cabinet

For more information on how to safely operate the Amersham Eraser, read the *Amersham Eraser Operating Instructions*, 29187307 AA.

Scanner configurations

The Amersham Typhoon scanner is available in three different configurations:

Configuration	Intended use
Amersham Typhoon scanner IP	Phosphor imaging
Amersham Typhoon scanner RGB	Fluorescence with three lasers, phosphor imaging, and densitometry

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Configuration	Intended use
Amersham Typhoon scanner 5	Fluorescence with five lasers, phosphor imaging, and densitometry

For an overview of the types of lasers that are installed, refer to *Main components in Amersham Typhoon scanner, on page 128* and *Laser specifications, on page 128*.

Scanning modes

The Amersham Typhoon scanner can be used for scanning with three different scanning modes.

Mode	Used for
Fluorescence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Scanning fluorescent samples using different combinations of lasers and filters.Scanning luminescent samples, with all the lasers turned off and no filters in use.
Phosphor imaging	Scanning storage phosphor screens that have been exposed to radioactive samples, to image and quantify radioligands in the samples.
Densitometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Scanning gels to obtain digital images of gels for documentation.Densitometric imaging of stained gels (e.g., Coomassie-stained gels) for quantitation of samples.

Photomultiplier tubes

The photomultiplier tube (PMT) detects light and converts it to an electric signal. The PMT potential (in volt) determines the amplitude of the signal.

Different types of photomultiplier tubes are installed in the Amersham Typhoon scanner:

- Bi-alkali
- Multi-alkali

The **bi-alkali PMT** is very sensitive in the **400-500 nm** wavelength region. It is ideally suited for **phosphor imaging**.

The **multi-alkali PMT** has a wide spectral response from the **ultraviolet to the near infrared** region. It is the detector of choice for **fluorescence applications**.

Cooling fans

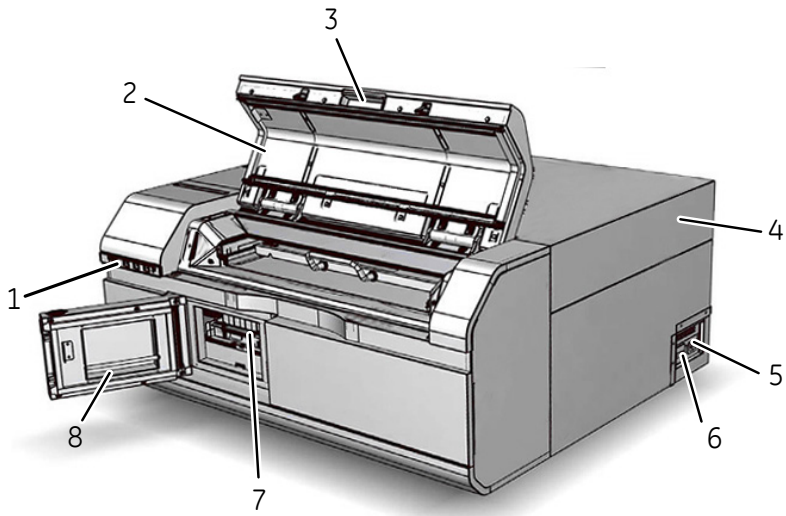
The Amersham Typhoon scanner has cooling fans that prevent the internal temperature from rising.

Instrument control

The Amersham Typhoon scanner is operated using Amersham Typhoon Control Software. The scanner also has an instrument panel with indicator lamps that indicate the status of the instrument. Refer to [Instrument panel, on page 42](#) for more information about the instrument panel.

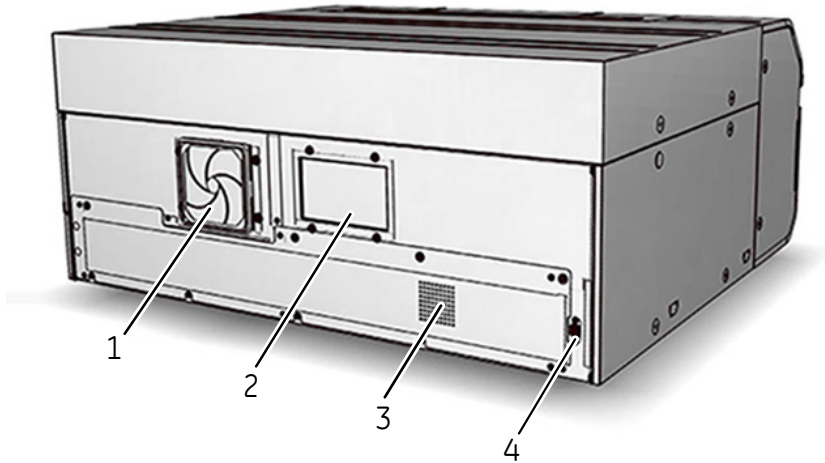
3.2 Illustrations

Front and right view of the Amersham Typhoon scanner



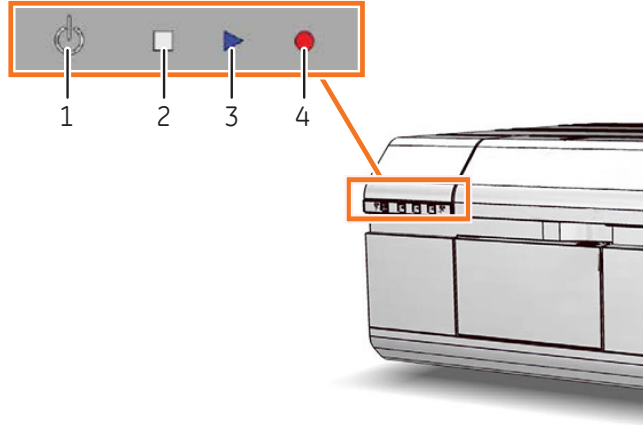
Part	Function
1	Instrument panel
2	Main scanner door
3	Scanner door handle
4	Instrument cover
5	Power cord connector
6	Power switch
7	Filter module
8	Filter door

Rear and left view of the Amersham Typhoon scanner



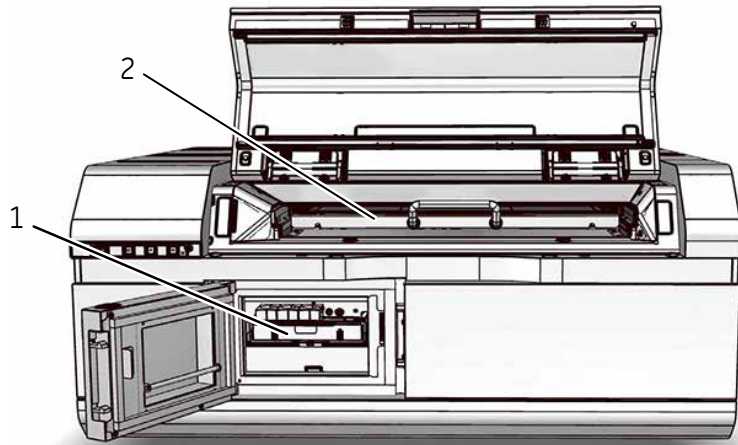
Part	Function
1	Air intake filter and fan
2	Exhaust outlet
3	Exhaust outlet
4	USB connector

Instrument panel



Part	Color	Function/status
1	White	On/Off button
2	White LED light	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If steady: Instrument is ready• If flashing: Instrument is starting up or shutting down
3	Blue LED light	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The instrument is scanning, or• The filters are being moved inside the scanner (after filter installation).
4	Red LED light	Error

Filter module and stage



Part	Function
1	Filter module
2	Stage

3.3 Stages

About this section

This section describes the different stages and accessories that are supplied with the Amersham Typhoon scanner.

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3.3.1 Overview of stages

Stages

Three types of stages can be used with the Amersham Typhoon scanner depending on the type of scanning:

- Fluor stage
- Phosphor stage
- Multi stage

Accessories

The table below lists the different stages and accessories, and for which applications the stages and accessories are used.

Stage	Accessory	Application		
		Fluorescence	Phosphor Imaging	Densitometry
Fluor stage	Membrane weight	X		
	Digitization plate			X
	Spacers	X		X
Phosphor stage	Storage phosphor screen		X	
	Cassette		X	
	Suction rod		X	
Multi stage	Titer plate holder	X		
	Glass slide holder	X		
	Glass plate guide (33 × 42 cm)	X		

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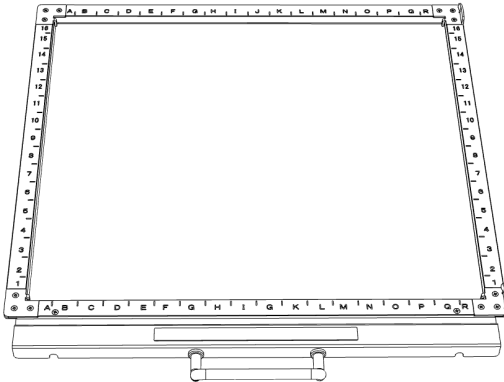
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3.3.2 Fluor stage with accessories

3.3.2 Fluor stage with accessories

Illustration of the fluor stage

The fluor stage is used for scanning gels, membranes or other types of samples that are placed directly on the stage. The fluor stage has a glass surface.



Digitization plate

The digitization plate is a fluorescent plate that emits light when exposed to a laser beam. The digitization plate is **used together with spacers** for densitometry (measurement of relative optical density) and digitization of samples.



Spacers

There are two types of spacers that can be used with the fluor stage:

Spacer type	Function
Sample spacer (single spacer)	Used to avoid that the sample is placed outside the scan area
Digitization/OD spacers (pair of spacers)	Used to hold the digitization plate in position, and to create space for the sample between the digitization plate and the fluor stage.

The image below shows the sample spacer.



The digitization/OD spacers are used together with the digitization plate for digitization of samples and for measurements of relative OD in the densitometry scan mode. The digitization plate rests on the spacers, so that there is space for the sample between the fluor stage and the digitization plate. The illustration below shows the digitization/OD spacers.



The digitization/OD spacers can be used both for digitization and for OD measurements, depending on the orientation and placement of the spacers. The illustration below shows the orientation in which the spacers are used for digitization.



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3.3.2 Fluor stage with accessories

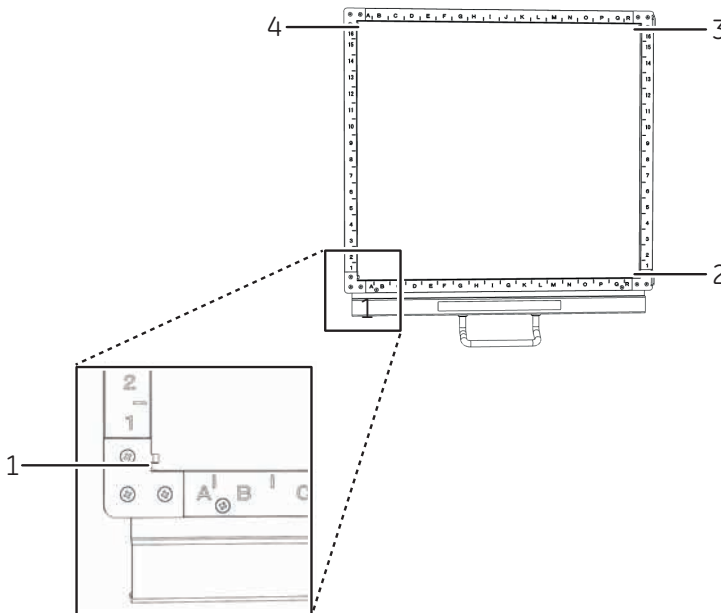
The illustration below shows the orientation in which the spacers are used for OD measurements.



The spacers are placed by hooking them onto grooves on the fluor stage. Refer to [Spacer positioning, on page 48](#) for more information about positioning the spacers.

Spacer positioning

The spacers are placed and secured on the fluor stage by hooking the spacers onto grooves on the fluor stage. The following illustration shows the positions of the grooves on the fluor stage.

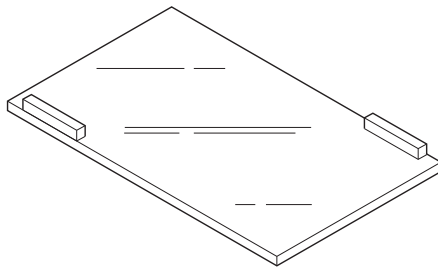


Type of spacer	Position
Sample spacer	Placed between groove 1 and 2
Digitization/OD spacers (pair)	Placed between groove 1 and 2 , and between 3 and 4 .

For digitization, the spacers should be placed with the digitization label facing up, and the arrows pointing to the scan area. For OD measurements, the spacers should be placed with the OD label facing up.

Membrane weight

The membrane weight is used to press fluorescent membranes flat against the fluor stage. The use of a membrane weight improves image quality, since the membrane weight removes air bubbles and reduces vibration of the membrane during scanning.



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3.3.3 Phosphor stage with accessories

3.3.3 Phosphor stage with accessories

Phosphor stage

The phosphor stage is used for scanning storage phosphor screens. The phosphor stage is magnetic so that it holds the storage phosphor screen in place.



Storage phosphor screen

Storage phosphor screens, or phosphor imaging plates (IP), can be scanned by the Amersham Typhoon scanner to capture two-dimensional images of radioactively labeled samples.

A phosphor storage screen contains a layer of a polyester base material that is densely coated with fine photo-stimulable crystals, for example BaFBr doped with traces of Eu^{2+} . When the storage phosphor screen is exposed to radioactively labeled samples, the energy of the ionizing radiation is absorbed in the crystals. The accumulated radiation energy can subsequently be detected by the Amersham Typhoon scanner. The surface of the storage phosphor screen is scanned with a laser inside the scanner, and the exposed areas emit light, which is detected by the photomultiplier tube (PMT). In this way, the Amersham Typhoon scanner creates a digital image of the radiated areas of the storage phosphor screen.

Storage phosphor screens are exposed to radioisotope-labeled samples by placing them in close contact with the samples in an X-ray film-like cassette.

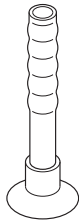
After scanning, the storage phosphor screens can be erased using Amersham Eraser, so that they can be re-used.

Cassette

Exposure cassettes are used for exposing storage phosphor screens to radioactively labeled samples. The time of exposure varies depending on the samples.

Suction rod

The suction rod is used to lift up or place the storage phosphor screen on the phosphor stage.



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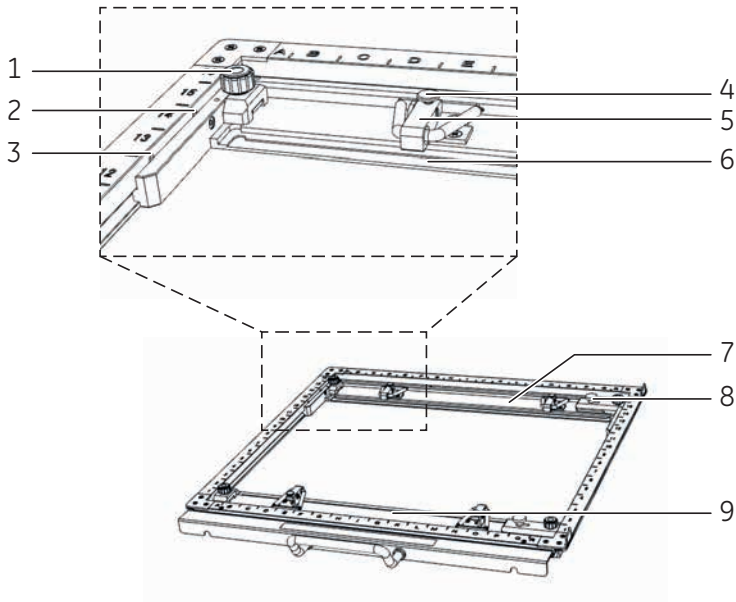
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3.3.4 Multi stage with accessories

3.3.4 Multi stage with accessories

Multi stage

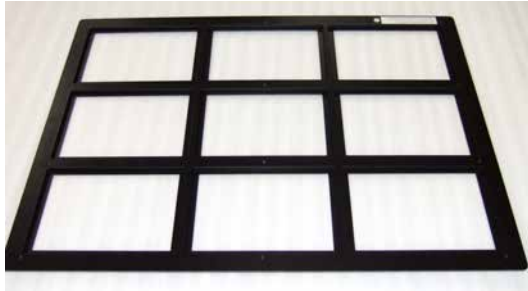
The multi stage is used to scan titer plates, glass slides or gels in glass cassettes.



Part	Function
1	Guide plate position lock screw
2	Groove for titer plate holder
3	Groove for DIGE gel glass cassette
4	Screw to secure spring lock
5	Spring lock to hold glass cassette or titer plate holder
6	Height adjustment ridges for positioning the titer plate holder and glass cassettes (3 mm and 5 mm)
7	Movable guide plate
8	Lock screw, holds the movable guide plate on the multi stage
9	Movable guide plate

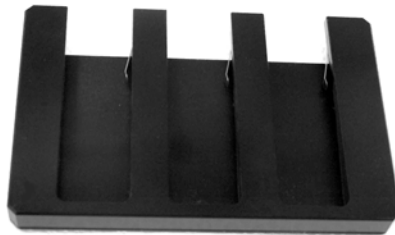
Titer plate holder

The titer plate holder is used when scanning titer plate samples. The titer plate holder is placed on the multi stage using guide plates. Up to nine titer plates can be analyzed in one scan.



Glass slide holder (optional)

The glass slide holder is used to place glass slides on the multi stage for scanning. The glass slide holder is used together with the titer plate holder.



Glass plate guides (optional)

For large glass cassettes (max. 33 × 42 cm), a pair of glass plate guides is available that keep the glass cassette in place on the multi stage. The glass plate guides are used instead of the default movable guide plates.

3.4 Filters

Filters in the Amersham Typhoon scanner

Depending on the system configuration, different filters are installed in the Amersham Typhoon scanner. The installed filters appear in the Instrument status pane in Amersham Typhoon Control Software, see [Instrument status, on page 61](#). All standard filters are high performance band-pass filters.

Additional filters

It is possible to install additional filters, for example long-pass filters. These accessory filters are delivered mounted in filter holders which are recognized by the Amersham Typhoon scanner. Contact your local GE representative for information about the available filters.

Custom filters

It is also possible to use custom (third party) filters. Amersham Typhoon scanner is supplied with two accessory custom filter holders in which these custom filters can be mounted. These filters are recognized by the scanner as **Custom1** and **Custom2** filters.

For information on how to mount a custom filter into the custom filter holder, refer to [Section 6.1.3 Custom filters, on page 98](#).

4 Amersham Typhoon Control Software

About this chapter

This chapter describes the user interface of the Amersham Typhoon Control Software.

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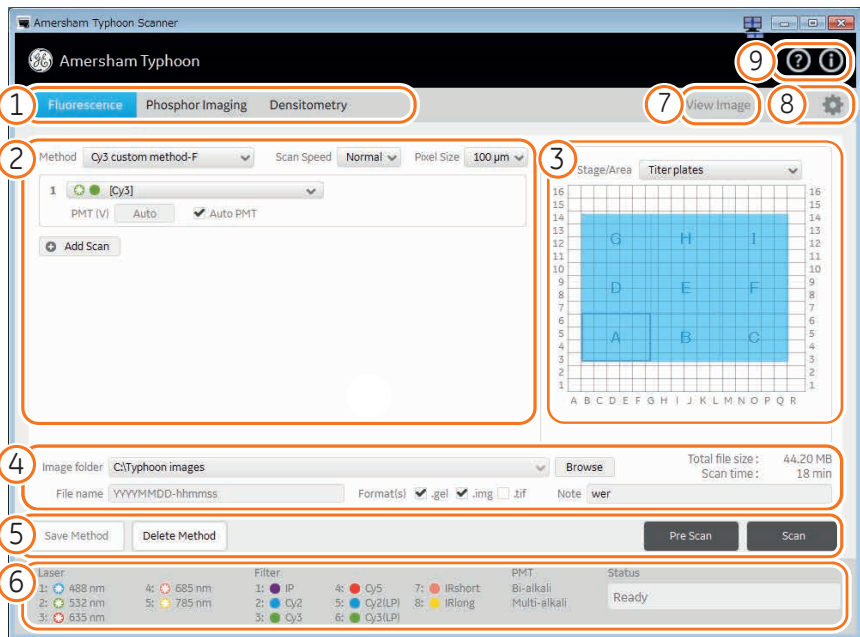
4.1 Main window

Introduction



This section gives an overview of the main window and describes the settings that can be made.

Example of the main window

When the Amersham Typhoon Control Software is started, the main window appears. The main window contains the following panes and fields.



Part	Function	Reference/Description
1	Scanning mode tabs	See <i>Scanning mode tabs</i> , on page 57
2	Scan settings	See <i>Scan settings</i> , on page 57
3	Stage/Area settings	See <i>Stage/Area settings</i> , on page 59
4	Image file settings	See <i>Image file settings</i> , on page 60
5	Method and scanning	See <i>Method and scanning</i> , on page 60

Part	Function	Reference/Description
6	Instrument status	See Instrument status, on page 61
7	View image	See View Image, on page 62
8	General settings	See Section 4.3 General settings, on page 66
9		Help button
		About the Amersham Typhoon Control Software

Scanning mode tabs

The scanning mode can be chosen by clicking on one of the scanning mode tabs.

Scanning mode	Function
Fluorescence	Opens the fluorescence imaging window
Phosphor Imaging	Opens the phosphor imaging window
Densitometry	Opens the densitometry scanning window

Depending on the chosen scanning mode, different options will be available in the Scan settings pane. For examples of the different scanning mode windows, refer to [Section 4.2 Scanning modes, on page 63](#).

Scan settings

Depending on the scanning mode, different scan settings can be chosen. All scan settings are saved in a **Method**. There are several **pre-programmed methods** to choose from when starting an experiment. If a method is edited by changing any parameter setting, the user can save the new method with a new method name.

For more information about scan settings in the different scanning modes, refer to [Section 4.2 Scanning modes, on page 63](#).

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4.1 Main window

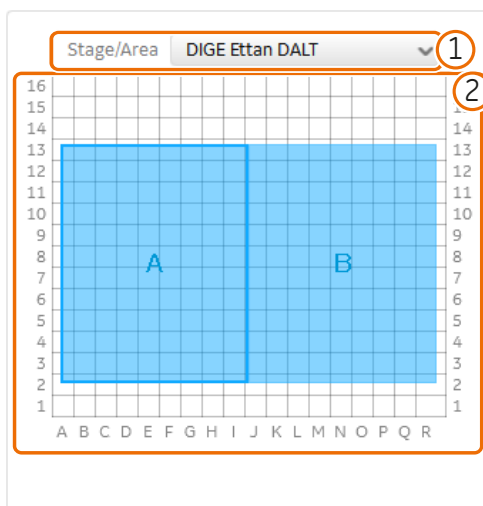
Scan setting	Description	Scanning mode		
		F ¹	P ²	D ³
Method <input type="text" value="00-1-00"/>	Selects a pre-programmed method for scanning. Note: <i>In the Fluorescence mode, up to five sequential scans can be performed in one method.</i>	X	X	X
Pixel Size <input type="text" value="50 μm"/>	Selects the pixel size for scanning. A sample with a smaller pixel size can be analyzed in more detail, but the scanning time and the image file size will increase.	X	X	X ⁴
Sensitivity <input type="radio"/> 1000 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 4000 <input type="radio"/> PMT(V) <input type="text" value="--"/>	Selects the voltage of the photo-multiplier tube (PMT). Choose between the default values 1000 or 4000, or select a custom voltage. The higher the PMT voltage, the higher the sensitivity. However, a too high PMT voltage may lead to image saturation and a high background. It is therefore recommended to optimize PMT voltage for each sample type.	X	X	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Auto PMT	Sets the voltage of the PMT automatically based on a pre-scan.	X		
Scan Speed <input type="text" value="Normal"/>	Selects the scan speed: Normal or Slow . Normal scan speed is recommended for most applications. To reduce background noise, use a slow scan speed. A slow scan speed reduces noise by data averaging .	X		
<input type="button" value="+ Add Scan"/>	Adds additional scans.	X		
Area <input type="text" value="← A →"/>	Changes between scan areas (DIGE method).	X		
Annotation: <input type="text" value=""/> *	Adds an annotation (DIGE method). An annotation can be deleted with the small cross.	X		

- 1 Fluorescence mode
- 2 Phosphor Imaging mode

- 3 Densitometry mode
- 4 Only for digitization

Stage/Area settings

In the **Stage/Area** pane, the area that is to be scanned is defined.



Part	Name	Function
1	Stage/Area	Selects the stage and area that will be used for scanning.
2	Scanning surface	Displays the total scanning surface of the scanner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White area indicates an area that will not be scanned. • Blue area indicates a scan area that will be scanned. • Blue frame (white area) indicates a scan area that has been disabled. A disabled scan area will be omitted during scanning.

For more information about the **Stage/Area** settings, refer to [Section 4.4 Scan area functions, on page 69](#).

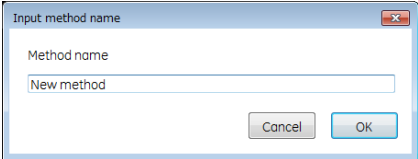
Image file settings

In the image file settings pane, the image file settings can be defined.

Field	Function
Image folder	Displays the folder where the image file will be saved.
Browse	Specifies the folder where the image file will be saved.
File name	Specifies the image file name. Note: <i>Details of the used laser and filter combination and the area name (A, B, C, ...) are automatically added to the file name when the file is saved. If the file name is not specified, it is automatically set to date and time.</i>
Format(s)	Selects the image file format.
Note	An optional note can be entered. The note is saved with the image file, and can be viewed with the ImageQuant analyzing software.
Scan time	Displays the estimated scanning time.
Total file size	Displays the total file size of the image files after scanning.

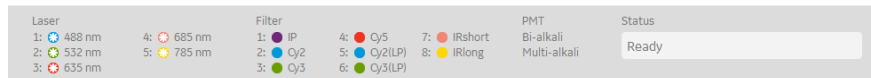
For more information about image file settings, refer to [Section 4.5 Image file settings, on page 73](#).

Method and scanning

Button	Function
Save Method	Opens the Input method name dialog box to save the method 
Delete Method	Deletes the method
Pre Scan	Starts a pre-scan
Scan	Starts a scan

Instrument status

The instrument status pane shows the status of the lasers, filters and photo-multiplier tubes (PMT).



Field	Function
Laser	List of installed lasers
Filter	List of installed filters
PMT	List of photo-multiplier tubes
Status	<p>Displays the current status of the Amersham Typhoon scanner. The status of the scanner can be one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scanner not connected • Initializing • Ready • Pre-scanning • Pre-scan(s) completed • Scanning • Scan(s) completed and image(s) saved • Filter moving • Pre-scan(s) stopped • Scan(s) stopped and image saved • Scan(s) stopped and image not saved

For more information about the installed laser, refer to [Laser specifications, on page 128](#). For more information about the filters, refer to [Section 3.4 Filters, on page 54](#). For more information about the photo-multiplier tubes, refer to [Photomultiplier tubes, on page 38](#).

View Image

Button	Function
View Image	Displays the image in the View Image mode after a pre-scan or a scan.

Refer to [Section 4.6 View Image mode, on page 75](#) for more information about the **View Image** mode.

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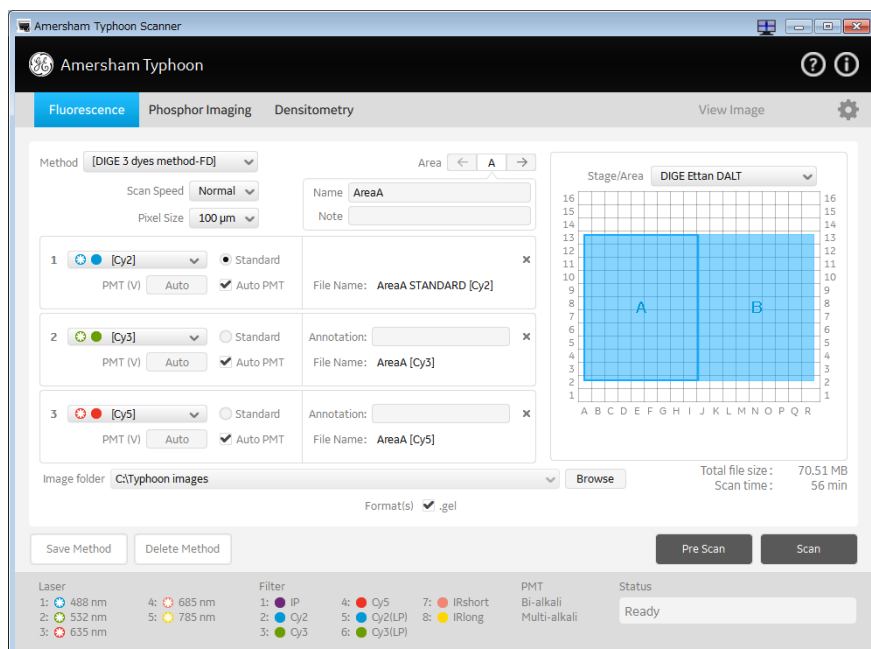
Fluorescence imaging tab

The following default methods can be selected on the **Fluorescence** tab:

- 1 Single channel fluorescence scan for all available lasers.
- 2 **DIGE three-color multiplexing method.**
- 3 **Dark scan for luminescent samples.** The default dark scan method uses the bi-alkali PMT, and does not use any lasers or filters.

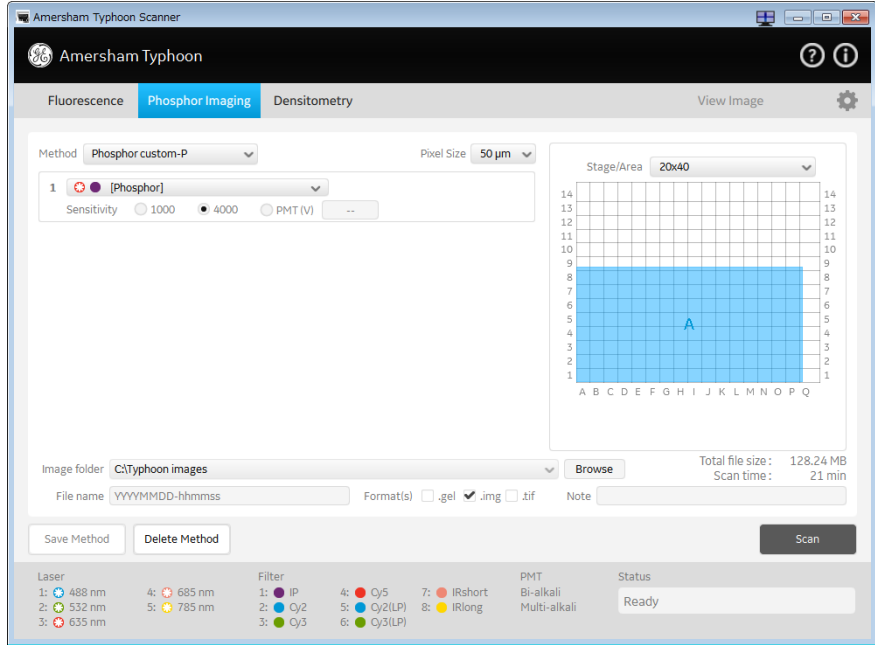
The scan settings and **Stage/Area** area settings can be edited in a default method. An edited method can be saved under a new name for re-use at a later time.

The following illustration shows an example of a DIGE method set up screen.



Phosphor imaging tab

The following illustration shows an example of a **Phosphor Imaging** set up screen.

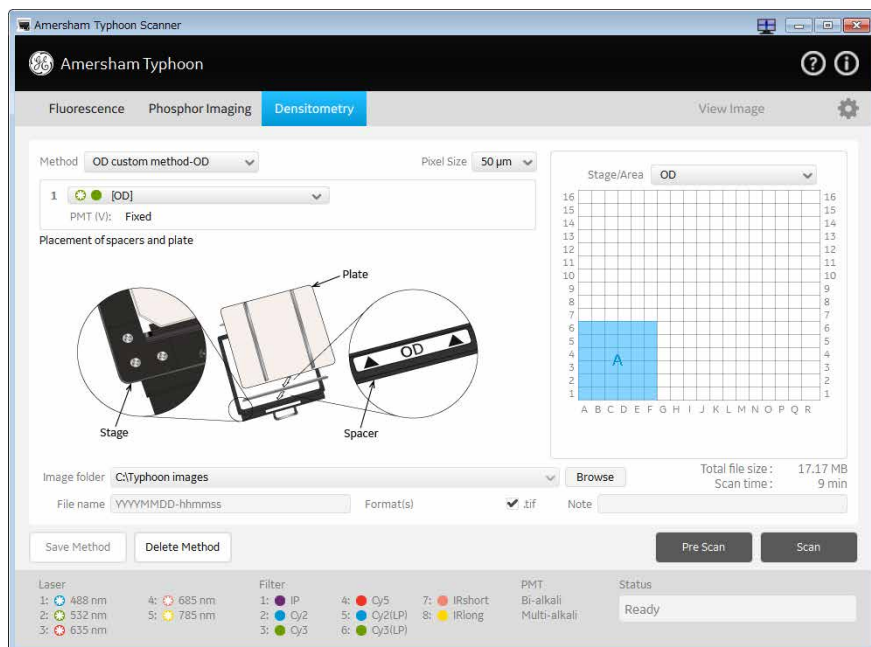


Densitometry tab

The following default methods can be selected on the **Densitometry** imaging tab:

- 1 OD method for measurements of relative optical density
- 2 Digitization method blue (blue laser)
- 3 Digitization method (green laser)

The following illustration shows an example of the OD method set up screen.



4.3 General settings

Introduction

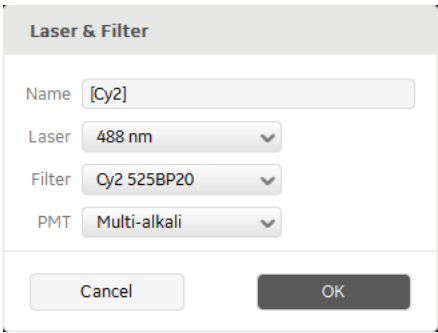
This section gives a detailed description of the general settings dialog. The **General settings** dialog is used to set laser and filter combinations, set autocorrection, and generate service log files.

Laser and filter combinations

Amersham Typhoon scanner comes with a number of default laser and filter combinations. New laser, filter, and detector combinations can be created on the **Laser & Filter** tab in the **General settings** dialog.

Name	Laser	Filter	PMT
[Cy2]	488 nm	Cy2 525BP20	Multi-alkali
[Cy3]	532 nm	Cy3 570BP20	Multi-alkali
[Cy5]	635 nm	Cy5 670BP30	Multi-alkali
[IRshort]	685 nm	IRshort 720BP20	Multi-alkali
[IRlong]	785 nm	IRlong 825BP30	Multi-alkali
[DarkScan]	--- none	--- Through	Bi-alkali
[DarkScan-M]	--- none	--- Through	Multi-alkali

Button	Function
Delete	Deletes a laser and filter combination.

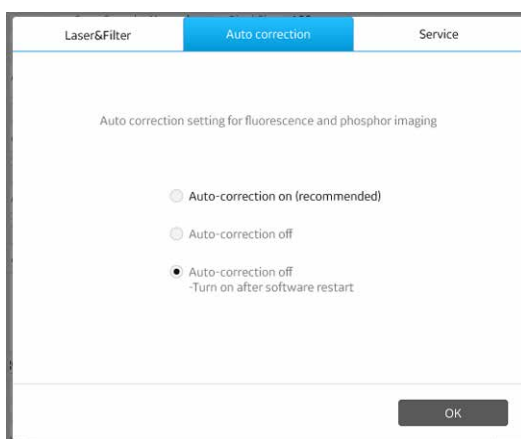
Button	Function
Edit	<p>Edit a laser and filter combination. The following dialog opens:</p> 
Add	Add a new laser and filter combination

Note: The default laser and filter combinations cannot be edited or removed.

Note: For fluorescence scanning, only the multi-alkali PMT can be used.

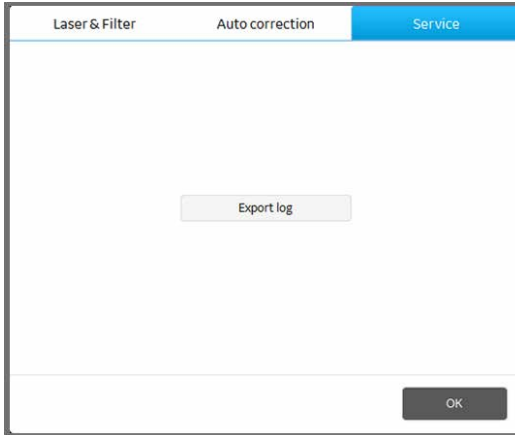
Auto correction

Amersham Typhoon scanner is installed with correction files. It is recommended to always use the correction files (auto correction on). The auto correction can be turned off in the **General settings** dialog on the **Auto correction** tab.



Service log

In the **General settings** dialog on the **Service** tab, a log file can be generated which is used for instrument service or troubleshooting.



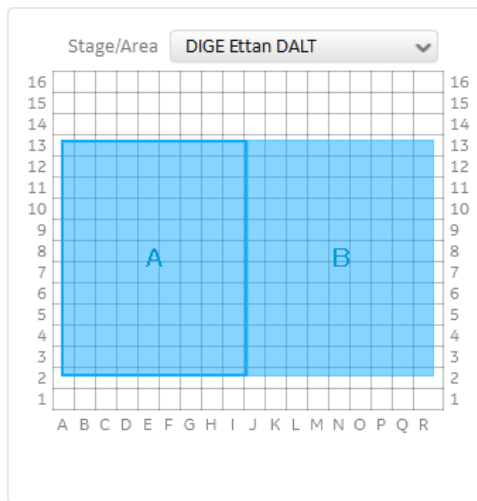
4.4 Scan area functions

Introduction

This section gives a detailed description of the **Stage/Area** settings.

Defining the scan area

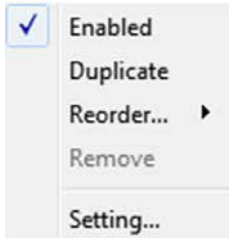
In the **Stage/Area** pane, the area that is to be scanned can be defined.



If you want to...	Action
Add a new scan area	Click and drag to create a new scan area.
Delete a scan area	Select the scan area and press the Delete key on the computer keyboard.
Change the position of a scan area	Click and drag the blue box.
Change the size of a scan area	Click and drag the edges of the blue box.

Additional scan area functions

A menu containing additional scan area functions opens when you right-click on a scan area.



Button	Function
Enabled	Enables or disables an individual scan area. A tick mark indicates that the scan area is enabled and will be included in the scan. Note: <i>A disabled scan area will be omitted during scanning.</i>
Duplicate	Duplicates the selected scan area.
Reorder	Assigns a new name to the scan area (A, B, C...). When the name of one scan area is changed, all other scan areas will be renamed as well.
Remove...	Deletes the scan area.
Setting...	Opens the dialog box Scan Area Settings , where the size and position of the scan area can be adjusted.

Image Area Settings dialog

To open the **Image Area Settings** dialog, right-click on a scan area and select **Setting...**

Imaging Area Settings

Grid

1 - 16
A - R

Upper Right

F

Lower Left

B

Millimeter

0 - 400
0 - 460

Upper Right

Lower Left

Area
 Enable

Field	Function
Grid	Defines the scan area based on the grid on the stage. The maximum and minimum values are displayed above the list boxes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower Left sets the position of the lower left corner of the scan area. Upper Right sets the position of the upper right corner of the scan area.
Millimeter	Defines the scan area based on the position on the stage, based on the distance from the front left corner of the total scanning surface (mm). The maximum and minimum values are displayed above the list boxes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower Left sets the position of the lower left corner of the scan area. Upper Right sets the position of the upper right corner of the scan area.
Area	Assigns a name (A, B, C, ...) to the scan area. When the name of one scan area is changed, all other scan areas will be renamed as well.

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Field	Function
Enabled	Enables or disables an individual scan area. A tick mark indicates that the scan area is enabled and will be included in the scan. Note: <i>A disabled scan area will be omitted during scanning.</i>

4.5 Image file settings

Available image file formats

Depending on the scanning mode, the images can be saved in **.gel**, **.img**, or **.tif** file format.

File format	Fluorescence		Phosphor Imaging	Densitometry	
	General	DIGE		OD	Digitiz.
.gel	X	X	X	N/A	N/A
.img	X	N/A	X	N/A	N/A
.tif	X	N/A	X	X	X

Description of image file formats

In the fluorescence and phosphor imaging modes, the **output log data from the PMT detectors is first converted to a linear 32-bit floating decimal data format**. This data is stored temporarily for generating 16-bit **.img**, **.gel**, and **.tif** files. Different conversion functions are used for the different file formats:

- The **.img** format uses a logarithmic compression of data which preserves the many intensity levels of the original data, especially **in the low-intensity region**. This allows for measurements over **a broad dynamic range**. Information about the scan is stored in a separate text file.
- The **.gel** format uses a **square root** algorithm to accurately represent small differences in data, whereas a **.tif** format may assign the same number to two values, particularly in the fainter part of the image. Image files include information about scan settings, for example date and time, which can be viewed after the scan, for example using ImageQuant.

In addition to the **.img** and **.gel** formats, the **.tif** format can be used for presentation of fluorescence and phosphor imaging data.

In the densitometry mode, the **.tif** format is used for saving digitization images and relative OD scans.

Choosing an image file format

The choice of file format depends on the purpose of the scan and the analysis software.

In the fluorescence and phosphor imaging mode, the **.img**, **.gel** and **.tif** formats are available.

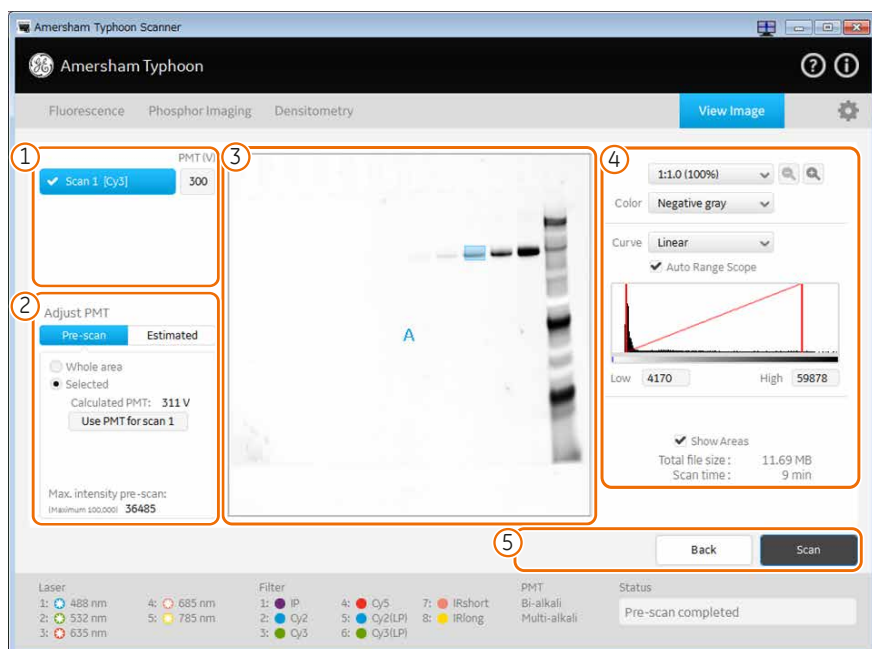
- For quantitative analysis, use the **.img** format or the **.gel** file format.
- For DIGE applications, and when image properties need to be read in IQTL, use the **.gel** format.
- For presentation of images, use the **.tif** format. The **.tif** format is not recommended for quantitative analysis.

In the Densitometry mode, the data is automatically converted and saved as a **.tif** file.

4.6 View Image mode

View Image window

During and after a pre-scan or a scan, the image can be viewed in the **View Image** mode. The **View Image** window is automatically opened during a scan. The following illustration gives an example of the **View Image** window and its possible functions. The actual functions displayed in the **View Image** window will vary depending on whether the image is viewed during or after a pre-scan or a scan.

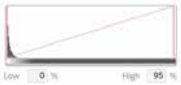


Part	Function	Availability
1	Click to select the scan that is displayed or adjust the PMT.	Pre-scan and scan
2	In the Pre-scan tab of the Adjust PMT field, select the area and calculate an estimated PMT that gives a non-saturated image.	Pre-scan
	Use the Estimated tab of the Adjust PMT field to simulate images using different PMT settings.	Pre-scan
3	Scanned image.	Pre-scan and scan

Part	Function	Availability
4	Image display settings, see <i>Image display settings, on page 76</i> .	Pre-scan and scan
5	Click Back to return to the previous window or click Scan to start a scan.	Pre-scan
	Export Display , Print , and Save as functions to export, print and save images.	Scan

Image display settings

Button	Function
	Selects the magnification (ratio) at which the image is displayed.
	Zooms in and out of the displayed image.
Color	<p>Selects the colors that are used to display the image, for example:</p> <p>Negative Gray Black and white display of intensity levels based on a gray-scale.</p> <p>Multi Color Choose this option after a scan to view multiple scans in different colors.</p>
Curve	<p>Selects the type of tone curve used in the intensity graph.</p> <p>Exponential The light intensities are displayed using an exponential tone curve.</p> <p>Linear The light intensities are displayed using a linear tone curve.</p> <p>Sigmoid The light intensities are displayed using a sigmoid (S-shaped) tone curve.</p> <p>Tip: It is recommended to use the linear curve setting</p>

Button	Function
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Auto Range Scope	Automatically adjusts the range of light intensities for optimum display.
 The image shows a small window with a graph. The graph has a white background with a black border. A red curve starts at the origin (0,0) and rises to the right. Below the graph, there are two labels: 'Low' followed by a small box containing '0' and a '%' sign, and 'High' followed by a small box containing '95' and a '%' sign. The graph itself has a vertical red line at the 'Low' position and another vertical red line at the 'High' position.	<p>Intensity graph: displays the intensity levels of the image, and can be used to adjust the contrast in the image.</p> <p>The Low and High values below the graph correspond to the range of intensities displayed. These values are displayed in the graph as vertical red lines. To display a larger or smaller interval of intensities, drag the red lines to adjust the Low and High values, or type the limits directly in the Low and High boxes.</p>

5 Installation

About this chapter

This chapter provides required information to enable users and service personnel to unpack, install, and transport Amersham Typhoon scanner.



CAUTION

Only authorized service personnel are allowed to install or move Amersham Typhoon scanner. Contact your local GE representative for help and advice.

In this chapter

This chapter contains the following sections:

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5.1 Site requirements

Precautions



CAUTION

Install the Amersham Typhoon scanner in a location where it will not come into contact with water or chemicals.



NOTICE

The Amersham Typhoon is intended for indoor use only.

Space requirements

Parameter	Requirement
Required bench space area	110 cm × 90 cm (including required free space at the left, right and rear)
Free space required around Amersham Typhoon scanner	70 cm at the front of the instrument 10 cm at left, right, top and rear of the instrument
Placement	Stable, horizontal surface. Do not place in direct sunlight or in brightly lit places.

Dimensions

The following illustration shows the dimension of Amersham Typhoon scanner.



Amersham Typhoon scanner weighs 90 kg.

Environmental requirements

Parameter	Requirement
Ambient temperature, operation	18°C to 28°C
Max. relative humidity, operation	20% to 70%, non-condensing
Max. altitude, operation	2000 m above sea level
Pollution degree of the intended environment	Pollution Degree 2

Electrical requirements

Parameter	Requirement
Supply voltage	100 to 240 V AC \pm 10%
Frequency	50 to 60 Hz
Max current	2.5 to 1.0 A
Transient overvoltages	Overvoltage category II

Computer requirements

Parameter	Minimum requirement
Operating system	Microsoft® Windows® 7 Professional SP1 (64-bit) English/Japanese or Microsoft Windows 8.1 Pro (64-bit) English/Japanese or Microsoft Windows 10 Pro (64-bit) English/Japanese
Internal memory	8 GB
Processor	Intel® Core i5 processor
Free space on hard drive	80 GB
Other requirements	One USB 2.0 port DVD-ROM drive



NOTICE

The user is responsible for avoiding unauthorized use of the computer that is connected to the scanner.



NOTICE

The automatic sleep mode of the computer should be turned off to prevent the computer from entering sleep mode during a scan. Otherwise loss of data might occur.

Note: At installation, the GE service engineer will turn off the automatic sleep mode of the computer.

5.2 Delivery and transport

Upon delivery

Upon receiving Amersham Typhoon scanner, inspect the package for external damages and check that all items in the packing list are included.

Should you find any external damages, or if any items on the packing list are missing, notify the delivery company and contact GE for further advice.

Storing the Amersham Typhoon scanner

Store Amersham Typhoon scanner in an environment according to the requirements in [Section 5.1 Site requirements, on page 79](#) until the product is unpacked and installed.

Moving the Amersham Typhoon scanner



CAUTION

Turn off the power switch and remove connecting cables before moving the equipment.

If you need to transport the Amersham Typhoon scanner, contact your local GE representative for help and advice. See also [Removal from the controlled area, on page 15](#).

5.3 Setup

Precautions



WARNING

Do not block the ventilation inlets or outlets on the system.



WARNING

Do not block access to the power switch and power cord. The power switch must always be easy to access. The power cord with plug must always be easy to disconnect.



WARNING

Do not place the equipment on unstable tables or on inclined surfaces, as the equipment could be dropped or fall, resulting in injury.



CAUTION

Do not block the cooling fans. If they are blocked, the instrument may malfunction.

Place the scanner

Place the Amersham Typhoon scanner on a sturdy, horizontal surface. Make sure that the following requirements are met when placing the Amersham Typhoon scanner.

- The air intake fan on the rear side of the Amersham Typhoon scanner is unobstructed.
- The air exhaust outlets on the right and rear of the Amersham Typhoon scanner are unobstructed.
- There is sufficient free space around the scanner, see [Space requirements, on page 79](#).

Do not place Amersham Typhoon scanner in direct sunlight, or in a brightly lit place.

If the instrument is to be used for phosphor imaging, refer to [Installation site of instrument, on page 15](#) for additional requirements for the installation site.

When the scanner is in place

When the scanner is in place, the Amersham Eraser and Amersham Cabinet can be placed to the left of the scanner, in such a way that the fronts of the instruments are aligned.



NOTICE

Do not place the Amersham Eraser and Amersham Cabinet to the right of the scanner, because then they block the access to the power switch and power outlet.

5.4 Connections

Electrical power



WARNING

Do not use the equipment with a power supply other than that recommended. Fire and electric shock could result.



WARNING

The Amersham Typhoon scanner must always be connected to a grounded power outlet.



WARNING

Connect the power supply directly to a grounded wall power outlet. The use of extension cords or multiple loads on one electrical outlet could result in fire and electric shock.



WARNING

Only use power cords delivered or approved by GE.



CAUTION

Do not use the same power supply as that of large equipment such as an air conditioner or centrifuge. Malfunction could result.

Step	Action
1	Plug in the power cord in the power cord connector on Amersham Typhoon scanner, and connect the power cord to a grounded wall outlet.

Amersham Typhoon scanner uses a special AC power cord. Only use power cords that are specified in GE service manuals or by GE service personnel.

Communication



CAUTION

- Do not connect any USB devices other than the Amersham Typhoon scanner to the computer in which the Amersham Typhoon Control Software is installed. Malfunction could result.
- Use only the Amersham Typhoon Control Software during scanning.

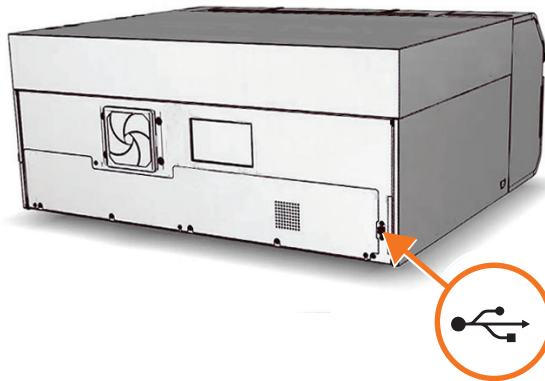


NOTICE

Any computer used with the equipment must comply with EN/IEC 60950-1, and be installed and used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Step	Action
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| 1 | Connect a USB cable to the USB port on the rear side of the Amersham Typhoon scanner. |
| 2 | Connect the other end of the USB cable to the USB port on the computer. |



Installing Amersham Typhoon Control Software

All tasks related to software installation require a computer account with administrator privileges.

6 Operation

About this chapter

This chapter contains the information required to operate the Amersham Typhoon scanner.

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Precautions



WARNING

Do not use the instrument within or near a sink, or in humid (above 70% RH) or dusty environments. Fire and electric shock could result.



WARNING

Do not use the equipment if smoke, strange noises or strange odors can be perceived, or if the equipment becomes unusually hot. This may result in fire or electric shock.

Stop using the equipment immediately, turn off the power switch and unplug the equipment from the power outlet. Contact your local GE representative to request repair.

**CAUTION**

Always wear gloves, protective glasses and a lab coat or similar when handling samples.

**CAUTION**

Do not turn off power during operation as this can cause loss of data in the internal memory. Only turn off power in an emergency situation.

**NOTICE**

With regards to third party patents related to sample preparation etc., we recommend that you consult a lawyer or patent attorney regarding obtaining appropriate licenses.

**NOTICE**

The automatic sleep mode of the computer should be turned off to prevent the computer from entering sleep mode during a scan. Otherwise loss of data might occur.

6.1 Preparing the Amersham Typhoon scanner

About this section

This section describes how to prepare the Amersham Typhoon scanner for a scan.

In this section

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Precautions



CAUTION

Do not insert a storage phosphor screen in Amersham Typhoon before turning on the machine. If a storage phosphor screen is detected during the self-diagnosis of the Amersham Typhoon, the sensitivity of the storage phosphor screen may deteriorate and reduce the quality of the scanned data.



NOTICE

Avoid any shock or vibration to the equipment, as this may damage the equipment.

6.1.1 Starting the system

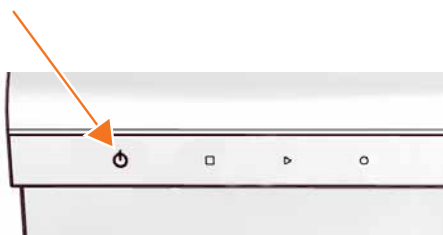
Start the Amersham Typhoon scanner



CAUTION

Do not insert a storage phosphor screen in Amersham Typhoon before turning on the machine. If a storage phosphor screen is detected during the self-diagnosis of the Amersham Typhoon, the sensitivity of the storage phosphor screen may deteriorate and reduce the quality of the scanned data.

Step	Action
1	Check that there is no stage in the scanner.
2	Switch the power switch on the right side of the instrument to the "I" position.
3	Push the On/Off button in the instrument panel.



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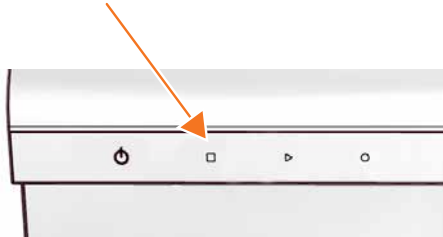
6.1 Preparing the Amersham Typhoon scanner

6.1.1 Starting the system

Step	Action
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The following will occur:

- The **Ready** LED flashes.



- The instrument will make one beeping sound within 5 minutes after the **On/Off** button is pushed.
- The **Ready** LED is lit.

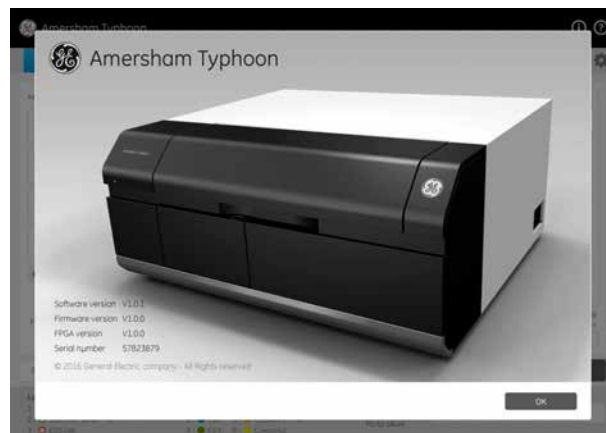
Result: Amersham Typhoon scanner is ready for operation.

Start the Amersham Typhoon Control Software

Step	Action
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- 1 Start Amersham Typhoon Control Software from the **Start** menu, or use the desktop shortcut.

The following window is displayed while the Amersham Typhoon Control Software is launched.



Step	Action
	<p>When the Amersham Typhoon Control Software is ready, the main window is displayed. See Example of the main window, on page 56.</p> <p>The instrument status is displayed in the Status field, see also Instrument status, on page 61.</p>

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6.1.2 Changing the filters

6.1.2 Changing the filters

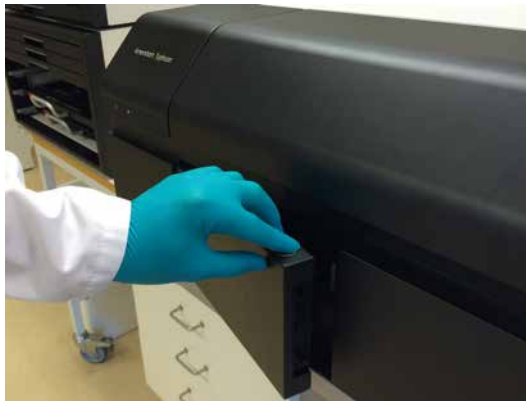
Introduction

The filters that are installed in the Amersham Typhoon scanner are listed in the **Instrument status** pane in the main window of the Amersham Typhoon Control Software, see also *Instrument status, on page 61*.

It is possible to exchange filters if necessary. However, some of the default filters **cannot be exchanged**, these are the **phosphor imaging filter and the Cy2, Cy3 and Cy5 band-pass filters**. There are four additional positions in the filter module that can be used for near IR filters, long pass filters, and custom filters. Follow the instructions below to exchange filters.

Remove the filter module from the scanner

Step	Action
1	Make sure the Amersham Typhoon scanner is not scanning. The blue indicator LED on the instrument panel should be off.
2	Press the button on the filter door to open the filter door.



Step	Action
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| 3 | Pinch the metal tab on the filter module, and pull out the filter module. |
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Replace filters in the filter module

Step	Action
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| 1 | Slide the holder on the filter module to the left to open the filter module. |
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6.1.2 Changing the filters

Step	Action
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| 2 | Pull out the filter from under the metal ridge, and remove the filter. |
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| 3 | Insert a new filter in the filter module as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Hook a new filter under the metal ridge on the rear of the filter module.2 Lower the front of the filter. |
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| 4 | Slide the holder on the filter module to the right to close the filter module. Make sure that all filters are stably locked inside the filter module. |
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Place the filter module in the scanner

- | Step | Action |
|------|---|
| 5 | Insert the filter module in the filter module holder. A clicking sound indicates that the filter holder is in the correct position. |



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| 6 | Close the filter door. |
| 7 | In the Amersham Typhoon Control Software, check the list of filters in the Instrument status pane. Make sure that the newly installed filters are correctly registered. |

Note:

The filters are recognized automatically. Custom filters are designated **Custom1** and **Custom2** in the control software. In case the scanner does not automatically recognize a filter, or identifies a filter incorrectly, contact a GE representative for service.

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6.1 Preparing the Amersham Typhoon scanner

6.1.3 Custom filters

6.1.3 Custom filters

Introduction

It is possible to use custom (third party) filters with the Amersham Typhoon scanner. The custom filters have to be installed in the filter holder boxes supplied by GE.

Insert a custom filter in the filter holder

Follow the steps below to insert a custom filter in the filter holder.

Step	Action
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| 1 | Screw out the stopper cylinder with the supplied tool, and take out the stopper cylinder from the filter holder. |
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| 2 | Drop the filter horizontally in the filter holder. |
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Note:

Filters should have a diameter of 25 mm. Multiple filters can be inserted in the filter holder, up to a total thickness of 14 mm.

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| 3 | Insert the stopper cylinder in the filter holder and tighten it with the tool. |
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6.2 Preparing the sample

About this section

This section describes how to prepare the samples for a scan. This section is divided in three subsections for the three different scanning modes:

- 1 Fluorescence
- 2 Phosphor imaging
- 3 Densitometry

Note: *Luminescent samples can also be scanned using the Dark Scan default method in the fluorescent scanning mode.*

In this section

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Precautions



CAUTION

Always wear gloves, protective glasses and a lab coat or similar when handling samples.



CAUTION

Handle the sample stages and the digitization plate with care to avoid dropping them.

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6.2 Preparing the sample

6.2.1 Preparing a sample for fluorescence imaging

6.2.1 Preparing a sample for fluorescence imaging

Introduction

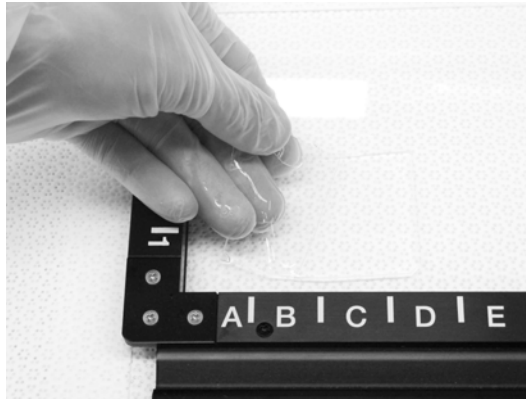
This section describes how to prepare a fluorescent sample for scanning.

Prepare a gel or membrane for fluorescence imaging

Follow the steps below to prepare a gel or membrane sample for fluorescence imaging.

Step	Action
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- 1 Place a gel or membrane on the fluor stage.



- 2 Remove any air bubbles between the gel or membrane and the stage.

Step	Action
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| 3 | If the sample is a membrane, place a membrane weight on top of the membrane to reduce vibrations during the scan. |
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| 4 | Open the main scanner door of the Amersham Typhoon scanner. |
| 5 | Place the stage on the stage holder, with the printed side of the stage facing up, and the handle of the stage facing to the front. |
| 6 | Push the stage all the way into the scanner. |
| 7 | Close the main scanner door. |

Prepare a titer plate for fluorescence imaging

Follow the steps below to prepare a titer plate sample for fluorescence imaging.

Tip: *Use the same sample volume to compare different samples in the titer plate.*

Step	Action
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| 1 | Place the guide plates on the multi stage. Align them with the grooves for the titer plate holder so that they click into place, see Multi stage, on page 52 . |
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6.2 Preparing the sample

6.2.1 Preparing a sample for fluorescence imaging

Step	Action
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| 2 | Place the titer plate holder on the multi stage. |
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| 3 | Close the spring locks that hold the titer plate holder in place. |
| 4 | Place the titer plate on the desired position in the titer plate holder. |
| 5 | Open the main scanner door of the Amersham Typhoon scanner. |
| 6 | Place the stage on the stage holder, with the printed side of the stage facing up, and the handle of the stage facing to the front. |
| 7 | Push the stage all the way into the scanner. |
| 8 | Close the main scanner door. |

Prepare a glass slide for fluorescence imaging

Follow the steps below to prepare glass slides for fluorescence imaging.

Step	Action
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| 1 | Place the guide plates on the multi stage. Align them with the grooves for the titer plate holder so that they click into place, see Multi stage, on page 52 . |
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Step	Action
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| 2 | Place the titer plate holder on the multi stage. |
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| 3 | Close the spring locks that hold the titer plate holder in place. |
| 4 | Insert the glass slides in the glass slide holder. |
| 5 | Place the glass slide holder on the titer plate holder, with the glass slides facing down. |
| 6 | Open the main scanner door of the Amersham Typhoon scanner. |
| 7 | Place the stage on the stage holder, with the printed side of the stage facing up, and the handle of the stage facing to the front. |
| 8 | Push the stage all the way into the scanner. |
| 9 | Close the main scanner door. |

Prepare a DIGE gel for fluorescence imaging

Follow the steps below to prepare a DIGE gel for fluorescence imaging.

Step	Action
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| 1 | Place the guide plates on the multi stage. Align them with the grooves for the DIGE gels so that they click into place, see Multi stage, on page 52 . |
| 2 | Place the DIGE gels on the stage. |
| 3 | Close the spring locks that hold the DIGE gels in place. |
| 4 | Open the main scanner door of the Amersham Typhoon scanner. |

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6.2 Preparing the sample

6.2.1 Preparing a sample for fluorescence imaging

Step	Action
5	Place the stage on the stage holder, with the printed side of the stage facing up, and the handle of the stage facing to the front.
6	Push the stage all the way into the scanner.
7	Close the main scanner door.

Prepare a large glass cassette (33 × 42 cm) for fluorescence imaging

When scanning large glass cassettes (max. 33 × 42 cm) on the multi stage, the default movable guide plates have to be replaced by the glass plate guide for large glass cassettes. These glass plate guides are available as option to the Amersham Typhoon scanner, see also [Glass plate guides \(optional\), on page 53](#).

Follow these steps to install the glass plate guides for large glass cassettes:

Step	Action
1	Open the lock screws, see Multi stage, on page 52 .
2	Remove the movable guide plates.
3	Insert the glass plate guides for large glass cassettes (max. 33 × 42 cm).
4	Close the lock screws.

Place the glass cassette on the multistage in the same way as a DIGE gel, see [Prepare a DIGE gel for fluorescence imaging, on page 103](#).

6.2.2 Preparing a sample for phosphor imaging

Introduction

This section describes how to expose a storage phosphor screen to radioisotope samples, and how to perform a scan of the storage phosphor screen.

Precautions



CAUTION

Always wear cotton gloves when handling storage phosphor screens.



NOTICE

Avoid environmental radiation. Avoid exposing storage phosphor screens in places where the environmental radiation may be increased, for example rooms with concrete walls or in basements.



NOTICE

Remove the storage phosphor screen from the Amersham Typhoon scanner when not in use. Store the storage phosphor screens in a horizontal position, protected from moisture.



NOTICE

Do not stack cassettes during exposure.



NOTICE

Use a suction rod when taking the storage phosphor screen out of the cassette. Prying the Storage phosphor out may result in the edge peeling off, making the storage phosphor screen unusable.

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6.2.2 Preparing a sample for phosphor imaging



NOTICE

- Do not scratch or bend the storage phosphor screen.
- Keep the storage phosphor screen free from dust.



NOTICE

Protect the storage phosphor screen from water and volatile solvents.

- Dry the sample thoroughly before exposing it.
- Wrap wet samples in plastic film and make sure that no liquid exits. Use double layers if the sample contains volatile solvents.
- If water enters the storage phosphor screen, the sensitivity of the storage phosphor screen is reduced.
- Volatile solvents may deform the protective film on the storage phosphor screen.



NOTICE

Protect exposed storage phosphor screens from light until the scanning is finished.

Required tools and materials

- Storage phosphor screen cassette
- Radioisotope-labeled samples
- Gloves
- Plastic film
- Soft, lint-free tissues

Using the suction rod

When moving a storage phosphor screen, always use a suction rod. Use the suction rod as follows:

Step	Action
1	Press the suction rod against the storage phosphor screen.
2	Place a finger on the end of the suction rod, then lift up the storage phosphor screen.
3	Release the finger to release the storage phosphor screen.

Expose the storage phosphor screen to radioisotope samples



NOTICE

Dim the ambient light to 20 lux or less before taking out the storage phosphor screen from its package or the cassette.

Tip: For increased image quality, minimize the time between exposing the storage phosphor screen and scanning it with the Amersham Typhoon scanner.

Step	Action
1	If necessary, clean the surface of the storage phosphor screen and the inside of cassette with a soft, lint-free tissue and 70% ethanol to remove dust and stains.
2	Erase the storage phosphor screen completely, see also Erase the storage phosphor screen, on page 111 .
3	Wrap the radioisotope sample in plastic film. Make sure there are no wrinkles in the film.

Note:

When using a tritium storage phosphor screen to detect tritium, place the sample directly on the storage phosphor screen. A tritium storage phosphor screen can be used only once.

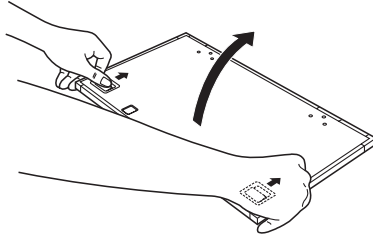
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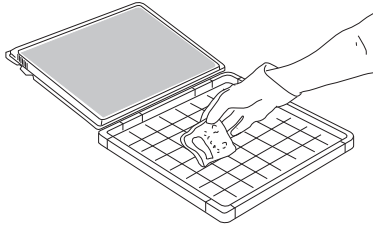
6.2.2 Preparing a sample for phosphor imaging

Step	Action
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| 4 | Unlock the cassette by sliding both buttons on the top cover. Open the cassette. |
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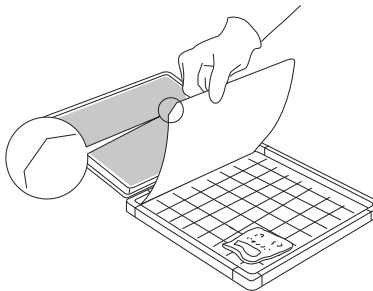
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|---|---|
| 5 | Place the sample on the cassette, with the surface of the sample facing up. |
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Note:

Keep the sample away from the edge of the cassette. Otherwise, the recorded data may be unreliable.

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| 6 | Place the storage phosphor screen in the cassette, with the exposure surface of the storage phosphor screen facing the sample. Make sure that the notch of the storage phosphor screen is placed at the corner of the gauge with the A1 coordinates. |
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|---|---|
| 7 | Close the cassette. Press on the cover of the cassette until the cover clicks into place. |
|---|---|

Step	Action
8	Leave the storage phosphor screen inside the cassette for the required exposure time. Note: <i>The exposure time required for a storage phosphor screen is approximately one twentieth of the time required for X-ray film.</i>

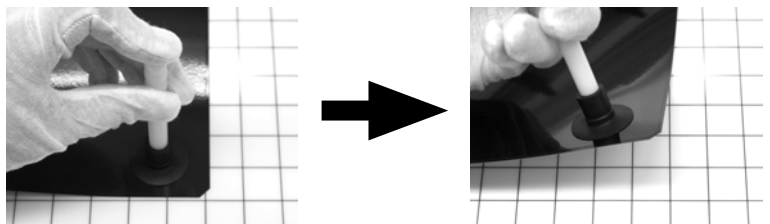
Place the storage phosphor screen on the phosphor stage



NOTICE

Dim the ambient light to 20 lux or less before taking out the storage phosphor screen from its package or the cassette.

Step	Action
1	Place the cassette with the exposed storage phosphor screen next to the phosphor stage.
2	Turn the phosphor stage upside down, so that the white print faces down.
3	Open the cassette.
4	Pick up the storage phosphor screen using the suction rod as follows:



- 1 Press one end of the suction rod against the storage phosphor screen.
- 2 Cover the other end of the suction rod with a finger.
- 3 Lift up the storage phosphor screen with the suction rod.

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6.2.2 Preparing a sample for phosphor imaging

Step	Action
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|---|---|
| 5 | Place the storage phosphor screen on the bottom of the phosphor stage, with the exposed surface facing up. Release the storage phosphor screen by releasing your finger from the suction rod. |
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Note:

The phosphor stage is magnetic, so that it holds the storage phosphor screen in place.

Placing the phosphor stage in the scanner

Step	Action
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|---|---|
| 1 | Open the main scanner door of the Amersham Typhoon scanner. |
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Step	Action
2	Turn the phosphor stage around. Place the phosphor stage on the stage holder, with the white print on the phosphor stage facing up, and the storage phosphor screen attached to the bottom of the phosphor stage. The exposed surface of the storage phosphor screen should face down.



3	Push the stage all the way into the scanner.
4	Close the main scanner door.

Erase the storage phosphor screen

After a scan, clean the surface of the storage phosphor screen and the inside of the cassette with a soft, lint-free tissue and 70% ethanol to remove dust and stains.

The storage phosphor screen can be erased using the **Amersham Eraser in 10-20 min**, if it is not overly exposed. For more information, refer to *Amersham Eraser Operating Instructions*, 29187307 AA.

After the storage phosphor screen is erased, it can be re-used.

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6.2.3 Preparing a sample for densitometry

6.2.3 Preparing a sample for densitometry

Introduction

This section describes how to prepare a densitometry sample for scanning.

Prepare the sample

The illustrations under the **Densitometry** tab in the main window of the Amersham Typhoon Control Software provide instructions for placing gels, spacers and the digitization plate. The instructions provided in the software are adapted to the densitometry method that is chosen.

Tip: For best accuracy of OD measurements, it is recommended to measure relative values in the range 0 to 1 and limit the scan area to 10 × 10 cm (mini-gel size). It is not recommended to use relative OD values above 1 for quantitation. It is not recommended either to compare relative OD values between gels.

6.3 Performing a scan

Introduction

This section describes how to perform an optional pre-scan, and a scan.

Precautions



WARNING

When opening or closing the main scanner door, make sure that no objects or body parts are caught in the main scanner door.



CAUTION

Do not open the main scanner door or filter door while the device is in operation. Injury could result.



CAUTION

Do not leave samples in the instrument after scanning. If left, these may degrade and cause damage to the instrument.



NOTICE

Avoid any shock or vibration to the instrument during scanning, or some streaks appear in the image.

Pre-scan the sample (optional)

Note: *The pre-scan feature is not available in the phosphor imaging mode.*

Step	Action
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| 1 | In the main window of the Amersham Typhoon Control Software, click on one of the scanning mode tabs to choose the scanning mode. See also Scanning mode tabs, on page 57 . |
|---|--|

Step	Action
2	<p>Select a saved method from the Method dropdown list in the Scan settings pane,</p> <p>or</p> <p>adjust the scan settings to create a new method.</p> <p>For more information about the scan settings, refer to Scan settings, on page 57.</p>
3	<p>If necessary, adjust the Laser & Filter combination settings in the General settings dialog.</p> <p>For more information about the laser and filter combination settings, refer to Section 4.3 General settings, on page 66.</p> <p>Tip:</p> <p><i>For light-emitting samples, for example chemiluminescence, the Dark Scan combinations (no laser and no filter) can be used.</i></p>
4	<p>Select the area or areas to be scanned in the Stage/Area pane.</p> <p>For more information about how to select the scan area, refer to Defining the scan area, on page 69.</p>
5	<p>Define the image file settings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Select the directory where the image file should be saved in the Image folder field.• Type a name for the image file in the File name field.• Select the image file format. For more information on image file formats, refer to Section 4.5 Image file settings, on page 73.
6	<p>Click Pre-scan.</p> <p><i>Result:</i> The sample is scanned at low resolution, and the image is displayed in the View Image window.</p>
7	<p>Adjust the display parameters if desired, see Section 4.6 View Image mode, on page 75.</p>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Click Back to return to the main screen,or• Click Scan to start a scan,or• Adjust the PMT voltage, and click Scan to start a scan.

Scan the sample



NOTICE

Avoid any shock or vibration to the instrument during scanning, or some streaks appear in the image.

Step	Action
1	In the main window of the Amersham Typhoon Control Software, click on one of the scanning mode tabs to choose the scanning mode, see Scanning mode tabs, on page 57 .
2	Select a saved method from the Method dropdown list in the Scan settings pane, or adjust the scan settings to create a new method. For more information about the scan settings, refer to Scan settings, on page 57 .
3	If necessary, adjust the Laser & Filter combination settings in the General settings dialog. For more information about the laser and filter combination settings, refer to Section 4.3 General settings, on page 66 . Tip: <i>For light-emitting samples, for example chemiluminescence, the Dark Scan combinations (no laser and no filter) can be used.</i>
4	Select the area or areas to be scanned in the Stage/Area pane. For more information about how to select the scan area, refer to Defining the scan area, on page 69 .
5	Define the image file settings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Select the directory where the image file should be saved in the Image folder field.• Type a name for the image file in the File name field.• Select the image file format. For more information on image file formats, refer to Section 4.5 Image file settings, on page 73.

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Step	Action
6	<p>Click Scan.</p> <p><i>Result:</i> The sample is scanned, and the image is displayed in the View Image window.</p> <p>When the scan is completed, the image file(s) are automatically saved in the location selected in the Image folder field.</p>
7	<p>For viewing, it is possible to adjust the display parameters if desired, see Section 4.6 View Image mode, on page 75.</p> <p>Tip:</p> <p>To copy the displayed image, point to the image and right-click. A copy of the image can be pasted in other programs for presentation purposes.</p>

Stop a scan

To stop a scan, click **Stop**.

Result: The scan is aborted. The image will be saved, and the unscanned area will be saved with a data value of 0. The scan cannot be re-started from the position where the scanning was stopped.

Save the image under a different name

The scanned images are automatically saved under the name and directory that are selected in the **Image file settings** pane in the main window.

Images can be rotated and flipped using buttons on the **View Image** window. To save a copy of the image or images under a different name, follow the steps below:

Step	Action
1	If necessary, flip or rotate the image using the flip and rotate buttons in the View Image window.
2	After the scan is completed, click Save as...
3	Type a file name in the File name: field.

Note:

For the DIGE method it is not possible to choose a new file name and the sample annotations are not included in the **Save as** option. If necessary, choose a new save location to keep the original DIGE data.

Step	Action
4	Select a file format in the Save as type: buttons. For the DIGE method the files are saved in a folder with an additional DS-file.
5	Click Save . <i>Result:</i> The image or images are saved.

6.4 Procedures after a scan

Turn off Amersham Typhoon scanner

Follow the steps below to turn off the instrument.

Step	Action
1	Remove any stage from the scanner. For information about cleaning and storage of stages, refer to Chapter 7 Maintenance, on page 120 .
2	Press the On/Off button on the front panel.



Result: The white **Ready** LED blinks and then goes out.

- 3 Push the power switch on the right side of the instrument to the **O** position.



Result: The instrument is turned off.



CAUTION

Unplug the equipment if it will not be used for an extended period.

7 Maintenance

About this chapter

This chapter contains information to enable users to clean, maintain, and store the Amersham Typhoon scanner and the stages.

Precautions



WARNING

Never detach the inner cover screwed to this instrument. If it is detached, laser beam may leak with a risk of loss of vision.



WARNING

Never modify the interlocks in this instrument, laser beam may leak with a risk of loss of vision.



WARNING

Do not use excessive amounts of liquids for cleaning the Amersham Typhoon, this may result in product malfunction or electric shock.



CAUTION

Turn the power switch off before cleaning the inside of the equipment.



CAUTION

Wear gloves to prevent direct contact with chemical substances.

Cleaning before planned maintenance/service

To ensure the protection and safety of service personnel, all equipment and work areas must be clean and free of any hazardous contaminants before a Service Engineer starts maintenance work.

Please complete the checklist in the *On Site Service Health and Safety Declaration Form* or the *Health and Safety Declaration Form for Product Return or Servicing*, depending on whether the instrument is going to be serviced on site or returned for service, respectively.

Copy the form you need from [Section 9.5 Health and Safety Declaration Form, on page 135](#) or print it from the PDF file available on the User Documentation CD.

Cleaning the outside of Amersham Typhoon

Clean the outside with a moist soft cloth and a mild detergent or 70% ethanol. Wipe afterwards with a dry soft cloth.

Cleaning the stage

Follow these steps to clean the stage:

Step	Action
1	Remove the stage from the instrument or cabinet.
2	Wipe the stage with a sponge moistened with a fluorescence-free neutral detergent.
3	Rinse the stage with water thoroughly and dry with a lint-free cloth.
4	Place the stage in the stage cabinet.

Recommended cleaning agents

The accessories may be cleaned with water and one of the following:

- 70% ethanol
- Mild and neutral detergent
- Isopropanol
- 6% H₂O₂

Storing the stages

Store the stages in the cabinet when they are not in use. **DO NOT** store stages inside the Amersham Typhoon scanner.

8 Troubleshooting

About this chapter

This chapter describes various problems that may occur with the Amersham Typhoon scanner. Suggestions for possible corrective actions are given.

In this chapter

This chapter contains the following sections:

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Prerequisites

The software Help text requires an installed web browser on the computer used to control the scanner.

8.1 General errors and warnings

If an error occurs

When an error message appears in the Amersham Typhoon Control Software, follow the steps below.

Step	Action
1	Take note of the error code and error message on the monitor.
2	Turn off the Amersham Typhoon scanner and the computer, wait 10 seconds and turn them on again.
3	Try to perform the action again. If the error persists, contact your GE representative.

General error messages

Error message	Meaning	Corrective action
Failed to open Help in software.		The software Help text requires an installed web browser on the computer used to control the scanner.
The disk capacity is insufficient. Please free memory on the hard disk to scan.	The available disk space is insufficient.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free up disk space on the computer. Store the data on a different disk.
Scan stopped. Please check performance of this PC.	This message is displayed when the Amersham Typhoon Control Software cannot collect the data from the memory in the scanner.	Check the computer requirements, see Computer requirements, on page 81 .

8.2 Error messages

While starting the instrument

Error message	Meaning	Corrective action
Cannot detect Amersham Typhoon scanner. Please check connection and power.	The scanner is not detected.	Check that the scanner is turned on and connected to the computer.

While preparing for a scan

Error message	Meaning	Corrective action
Close the scanner door.	The scanner door is open	Close the scanner door.
Close the filter door.	The filter door is open.	Close the filter door.
Please select image folder.	No image folder is selected.	Select an image folder by clicking the Browse... button and navigating to a suitable folder.
Please input a file name.	No name has been assigned to the image file.	Type a name in the File Name field.
Please set PMT voltage in the range 250 to 1000.	The PMT voltage setting is outside the permitted range.	Type a PMT voltage value between 250 and 1000 in the PMT field.
The stage is not properly inserted. Please insert the stage in its correct position.	The stage is not properly inserted.	Insert the stage properly.

During a scan

Error message	Meaning	Corrective action
The scan was stopped because of overexposure. Set a lower PMT voltage and restart the scan.	The scanned image was overexposed due to a high PMT voltage setting.	Decrease the PMT voltage in the Scan settings pane.

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8.2 Error messages

Error message	Meaning	Corrective action
The scan stopped because the main scanner door was opened. Close the door and restart the scan..	The scanner door was opened during the scan.	Close the scanner door and scan the image again. Do not open the door until the scanning is finished.
The scan stopped because the filter door was opened. Close the door and restart the scan.	The filter door was opened during the scan.	Close the filter door and scan the image again. Do not open the door until the scanning is finished.
XXXX error XXXX - XXXXXXXX A scanner error was detected. Please note the error code and error type. Please restart the Amersham Typhoon scanner and control software, and try to scan again. Contact your GE representative if the problem persists.	An error occurred during scanning.	Make a note of the error code and error type. Restart the scanner and control software, and try to run the scan again. Contact your GE representative if the problem persists.

9 Reference information

About this chapter

This chapter lists the technical specifications of the Amersham Typhoon scanner.

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9.1 Specifications

Main components in Amersham Typhoon scanner

Amersham Typhoon scanners are available in three configurations. Depending on the configuration, the Amersham Typhoon scanner is equipped with the following lasers.

Functions	Wave-length	Amersham Typhoon IP	Amersham Typhoon RGB	Amersham Typhoon 5
LD laser, class 3B	488 nm		X	X
SHG laser, class 3B	532 nm		X	X
LD laser, class 3B	635 nm	X	X	X
LD laser, class 3B	685 nm			X
LD laser, class 3B	785 nm			X

Laser specifications

Laser and class	Wavelength	Operating power	Maximum power
LD laser, class 3B	488 nm	25 mW (CW)	70 mW
SHG laser, class 3B	532 nm	10 mW (CW)	80 mW
LD laser, class 3B	635 nm	84 mW (CW)	220 mW
LD laser, class 3B	685 nm	50 mW (CW)	290 mW
LD laser, class 3B	785 nm	100 mW (CW)	230 mW

Note: *The beam divergence of all laser modules is collimated.*

Scanning specifications

Parameter	Data	
Scanned image size	Phosphor	35 cm × 43 cm
	Fluorescence	40 cm × 46 cm
	Densitometric	40 cm × 46 cm
Pixel size	10, 25, 50, 100 or 200 µm and a 1000 µm pre-scan	
Gradation bit depth	16-bit	

Dimensions & weight

Unit	Dimensions (w×d×h)	Weight (kg)
Scanner	900 × 800 × 400 mm (projections not included)	90

Power supply

Parameter	Data
Supply voltage	100 to 240 V~ (AC), single phase
Allowable variations in voltage	±10%
Frequency	50/60 Hz
Max. current	2.5 to 1.0 A

Noise levels

Parameter	Data
Noise	< 60 dB (A) A-weighted sound pressure level LAeq, t ≤ 60 dB, fast (t=0.25 s, 1 m from the instrument)

Environmental conditions

Parameter	Data	
Operating conditions	Temperature	18°C to 28°C
	Humidity	20% to 70%, RH (no dew condensation)
Transportation and storage temperature	Temperature	-20°C to 70°C
	Humidity	5% to 95% (no dew condensation)
Lighting	It is recommended to lower the lighting level to about 20 lux when moving a sample from the cassette into Amersham Typhoon after exposure.	
Where to use	Indoor use only, out of direct sunlight or brightly lit surroundings.	
Max. altitude, operation	2000 m above sea level	
Overtoltage category	Transient overvoltage category II	
Pollution degree of the intended environment	Pollution Degree 2	
Degrees of protection provided by enclosure	IP21	
Free space required around Amersham Typhoon scanner	Front of instrument (the operation panel side): 70 cm	
	Right	10 cm
	Left	10 cm
	Rear	10 cm
	Top	10 cm
Placement	<p>A stable laboratory bench with a load capacity of 2940 N (300 kg), or higher.</p> <p>The bench must be level within 2° (two) degrees.</p>	

9.2 Software

Computer requirements

Parameter	Minimum requirement
Operating system	Microsoft® Windows® 7 Professional SP1 (64-bit) English/Japanese <i>or</i> Microsoft Windows 8.1 Pro (64-bit) English/Japanese <i>or</i> Microsoft Windows 10 Pro (64-bit) English/Japanese
Internal memory	8 GB
Processor	Intel® Core i5 processor
Free space on hard drive	80 GB
Other requirements	One USB 2.0 port DVD-ROM drive

Maximum image file size after scan

If pixel size is set as	Image file size
10 µm	3510 MB
25 µm	562 MB
50 µm	140 MB
100 µm	35 MB
200 µm	9 MB

9.3 Ordering information

Introduction

This section lists accessories and user replaceable spare parts that are available for the Amersham Typhoon system.

Please visit www.gelifesciences.com/quantitative_imaging to find the latest information.

The Amersham Typhoon system

Product	Product code
Amersham Typhoon scanner IP	29187194
Amersham Typhoon scanner RBG	29187193
Amersham Typhoon scanner 5	29187191
Amersham Eraser	29187190
Amersham Cabinet	29191637

Amersham Typhoon accessories

Product	Product code
Phosphor stage	29187195
Fluor stage	29187197
Multi stage	29187198
Membrane weight	29191518
Digitization plate	29191517
Sample guide	29191519
Suction rod	29191516
Titer plate holder	29191520
Glass slide holder	29191521
Custom filter boxes	29191540

Product	Product code
Glass plate guide (33 × 42 cm)	29215514

9.4 Abbreviations

The abbreviations used in this *Operating Instructions* are defined as follows:

Abbreviation	Description
2D DIGE	Two-dimensional Difference Gel Electrophoresis
OD	Optical density
PMT	Photo-multiplier tube
RGB	Red Green Blue
RH	Relative humidity
RI	Radioisotope
SHG	Second harmonic generation nonlinear optical process
TP	Titer plate
UV	Ultraviolet radiation

9.5 Health and Safety Declaration Form

On site service



On Site Service Health & Safety Declaration Form

Service Ticket #:	
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To make the mutual protection and safety of GE service personnel and our customers, all equipment and work areas must be clean and free of any hazardous contaminants before a Service Engineer starts a repair. To avoid delays in the servicing of your equipment, please complete this checklist and present it to the Service Engineer upon arrival. Equipment and/or work areas not sufficiently cleaned, accessible and safe for an engineer may lead to delays in servicing the equipment and could be subject to additional charges.

Yes	No	Please review the actions below and answer "Yes" or "No". Provide explanation for any "No" answers in box below.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Instrument has been cleaned of hazardous substances. Please rinse tubing or piping, wipe down scanner surfaces, or otherwise ensure removal of any dangerous residue. Ensure the area around the instrument is clean. If radioactivity has been used, please perform a wipe test or other suitable survey.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Adequate space and clearance is provided to allow safe access for instrument service, repair or installation. In some cases this may require customer to move equipment from normal operating location prior to GE arrival.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Consumables, such as columns or gels, have been removed or isolated from the instrument and from any area that may impede access to the instrument.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	All buffer / waste vessels are labeled. Excess containers have been removed from the area to provide access.
Provide explanation for any "No" answers here:		
Equipment type / Product No:		Serial No:
I hereby confirm that the equipment specified above has been cleaned to remove any hazardous substances and that the area has been made safe and accessible.		
Name:		Company or institution:
Position or job title:		Date (YYY/MM/DD):
Signed:		

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Product return or servicing



Health & Safety Declaration Form for Product Return or Servicing

Return authorization number:		<i>and/or</i> Service Ticket/Request:	
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To make sure the mutual protection and safety of GE personnel, our customers, transportation personnel and our environment, all equipment must be clean and free of any hazardous contaminants before shipping to GE. To avoid delays in the processing of your equipment, please complete this checklist and include it with your return.

1. Please note that items will NOT be accepted for servicing or return without this form
2. Equipment which is not sufficiently cleaned prior to return to GE may lead to delays in servicing the equipment and could be subject to additional charges
3. Visible contamination will be assumed hazardous and additional cleaning and decontamination charges will be applied

Yes	No	Please specify if the equipment has been in contact with any of the following:	
		Radioactivity (please specify)	
		Infectious or hazardous biological substances (please specify)	
		Other Hazardous Chemicals (please specify)	

Equipment must be decontaminated prior to service / return. Please provide a telephone number where GE can contact you for additional information concerning the system / equipment.

Telephone No:			
Liquid and/or gas in equipment is:		Water	
		Ethanol	
		None, empty	
		Argon, Helium, Nitrogen	
		Liquid Nitrogen	
		Other, please specify	

Equipment type / Product No:		Serial No:	
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I hereby confirm that the equipment specified above has been cleaned to remove any hazardous substances and that the area has been made safe and accessible.

Name:		Company or institution:	
Position or job title:		Date (YYY/MM/DD)	
Signed:			

To receive a return authorization number or service number, please call local technical support or customer service.

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