Mouse Rota-Rod
Cat. No. 47650

General

Ugo Basile designed the first industrial Rota-Rod in the 1960s, based on the 1957 paper by N.W Dunham and T.S Miya.

The name we coined soon became so popular, now everybody knows this instrument as RotaRod!

The Rota-Rod is the reference test to screen drugs potentially active, or having side effects, on motor coordination.

The 47650 Rota-Rod NG (Next Generation), is an evolution of the original model and the result of many years of research in cooperation with the latest development in behavioral and pharmacological research.

The 47650 combines the same functionality of the previous version, now considered the standard, with additional new features: surprisingly silent operation, much easier experimental organization and data management.

Main Features

- **SPEED**: adjustable in the range 3-80 RPM, in steps of 1 RPM
- **MODE**: constant, ramp (accelerating), multi-step ramp and pause (NEW!)
- **ROTATION**: forward, reverse and rocking
- **DRIVE**: totally silent motor. Zero noise!
- **CONTROLS**: 4”3 touch-screen to set and monitor the test
- **X-PAD SOFTWARE**: brand new, user-friendly version, to set the experiment and manage the results
- **DETECTION**: new design: trip-boxes to enclose the animals, stainless-steel to ease sterilization

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NEXT GENERATION ROTA-ROD: SAME RELIABILITY, INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY!
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The Ugo Basile Rota-Rod NG consists of a 3cm diam. rod, suitably machined to provide grip. Five flanges divide the five 5.7cm lanes, enabling five mice to be simultaneously on test. When a mouse falls off its rod section into the trip-box below, its endurance in RPMs is recorded. Height to fall is 16cm.

A 4”3 touch-screen shows the information for each section, and indicates the actual speed, (RPM):

What’s new

Physically similar to the previous versions, the new model features stainless-steel trip-boxes to facilitate cleaning and confine the animals when they fall off the rod.

Totally new is the software included as standard, see paragraphs below. Remote diagnosis and internet access are provided.

Experimental Configuration

Via the new X-PAD software, the operator can easily organize the experiment on her/his PC, and upload it to the Rota-Rod via the USB key. Custom ramp and pause are managed via the X-PAD only.

Treatments, protocols, stages, animals, and various test features (speed, mode, revolution, etc.) can be quickly defined and saved for future use.

Data Collection and Management

A basic version of the collected data can be viewed on the touch-screen; when transferred to PC via USB drive, test results appear in full version.

The X-PAD software automatically classifies the data, combining configuration settings with test results. The user can add information, before or after the test. Results appear in a tree-like structure, where columns can be dragged and dropped to customize the layout.

Configurations and data are exported as Text, Excel or Pdf reports and can be saved to cloud via Dropbox, OneDrive, GoogleDrive.

47850 Combo-Package for Mouse & Rat

You work with both rats and mice? You should consider the Combination Package 47850, including both Mouse and Rat Rota-Rods.

Connections

USB1 this USB 2.0 enables data exchange (protocols & results) with the PC, and allows firmware upgrades

USB2 the lower USB port accommodates the USB storage key and should not be removed

I/O D-SUB 15 connector provides TTL outputs for lane status, rotation and speed

COM USB-B 2.0 allows communication to the PC (for factory use only)

ETH Ethernet connector for remote diagnosis & Internet access

Ordering Information

47650 MOUSE ROTA-ROD, standard package, including:
47650-320 Stainless-Steel Trip-Box
47650-302 Instruction Manual (on USB key)
X-PAD Dedicated Software Package (on USB)
Mains Cord

Optional

47850 Combination Package 47650 Mouse Rota-Rod and 47750 Rat Rota-Rod

Physical

Universal input 85-264 VAC, 50/60 Hz
Dimensions 46(w)x28(d)x33(h)cm
Weight Kg 11
Shipping Weight Kg 16 (approx.)
Packing 70x36x46cm

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