SPECIFICATIONS
Size: 140 mm x 173 mm x 135 mm, Weight 2.8 kg (without chamber fitted)
3.1 kg (chamber fitted and filled with water)

ELECTRICAL RATINGS
Supply Frequency: 50/60 Hz, Voltage: 115V–
Power Input: 220 VA, Heater Plate: 150W
Heater Wire: 22±0 V–, 2.73 A, 60 W, 50/60 Hz
Heater Plate over temperature cut out: 116 ± 6 °C
IEC 60601-1 Classification Class I, Type BF, IPX1

TEMPERATURE CONTROL SETTINGS
Invasive Mode: Chamber outlet: 35.5 - 37 °C, Airway 35 - 40 °C
Noninvasive mode: Chamber outlet: 31 °C, Airway 29 - 34 °C
Display: Three digit 14 mm 7 segment LED
(not visible during normal operation)
Range: 10 - 70 °C, Accuracy: ± 0.3 °C (in -25 - 45 °C temperature range)

ALARM PARAMETERS
High Humidity Alarm: An immediate, audible alarm at a displayed temperature
of 41 °C or if the airway temperature exceeds 43 °C
Low Humidity Alarm: An audible alarm between 10 minutes @ 28.5 °C, and
60 minutes @ 34.5 °C (Invasive Mode only)
Sound Pressure Level: Alarms exceed 50 dBA @ 1 m

SYMBOl DEFINITIONS:

WARNING
Ensure that invasive mode is set for patients that have bypassed airways.
The use of breathing circuits, chambers or other accessories which are NOT approved by Fisher & Paykel Healthcare may impair performance or compromise safety.
Check equipment (including cord) for damage before use and replace if damaged.
Ensure appropriate ventilator alarms are set, connections are tight and a leak test is completed before use.
Ensure that both temperature probe sensors are correctly and securely fitted. Failure to do so may result in temperatures in excess of 41 °C being delivered to the patient.
Do not touch the glass tip of the chamber temperature probe during use.
Keep electrical connectors dry at all times.
Ensure maintenance of surrounding airway by connections to a "no-pinch" grade. Always disconnect supply before cleaning and servicing.
Ensure that the humidifier is always positioned lower than the patient.
Ensure the HC550 is used with adequate levels of patient observation and monitoring as directed by a qualified medical professional.
The operation of high frequency surgical apparatus, short wave or microwave equipment in the vicinity of the humidifier may adversely affect its function. If this occurs the humidifier should be removed from the vicinity of such devices.
This device is not suitable for use in the presence of flammable anaesthetic mixes or nitrous oxide.
Remove any sources of ignition: such as cigarettes, an open flame, or materials which burn or ignite easily at high oxygen concentrations.
Keep oxygen regulators, cylinder valves, tubing, connections and all other oxygen equipment away from oil, grease, or greasy substances. Spontaneous and violent ignition may occur if these substances come into contact with oxygen under pressure.
Hot surfaces may exceed 75 °C (167°F)
Do not tilt chamber with water in excess of 33 °C (91°F)
California residents please be advised of the following, pursuant to Proposition 65: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. For more information, please visit: www.bfsares.com/opnp65

The Following Accessories are required:
Humidifier Chamber (e.g. MR200)
Breathing Circuit (e.g. Adult RT Series circuits)
Temperature Probe (e.g. 900MRB69)
Heater Wire adaptor (e.g. 900MR905)
Mounting Bracket (to suit ventilator)
Choice will depend on application. Please contact your local F&P Healthcare representative for recommendations. Refer to operating instructions for each accessory.

HC550 RESPIRATORY HUMIDIFIER
PLEASE READ OPERATING INSTRUCTION WARNINGS BEFORE SETTING UP THE HC550.

SET UP
1. Slide humidification chamber (A) onto humidifier base and connect breathing circuit (B) (refer to humidification chamber and breathing circuit operating instructions for further details).
2. Connect the temperature probe plug (C) (REF 900MRB65X) to the blue socket on the humidifier base until an audible click is heard.
3. Push the chamber probe (D) and airway probe (E) into the breathing circuit. Make sure the chamber probe is correctly located in its key-way and that both probes are pushed home. The probe lead can be restrained using breathing circuit clips.
4. Connect the heater wire adaptor plug (F) (REF 900MRB5XX) to the yellow socket on the humidifier base until an audible click is heard.
5. Connect the other end of the heater wire adaptor to the breathing circuit socket (G).
6. The humidification system is now set up and ready for use. After power on, the humidifier will operate in the last mode setting. Ensure that invasive mode is set for patients that have bypassed airways. Ensure that the humidifier is securely mounted.

INDICATIONS FOR USE
The Fisher & Paykel HC550 System is designed for use with artificial ventilation systems. Portable volume ventilation systems, pressure support ventilation and Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) systems may incorporate an HC550 to provide therapeutic levels of warm humidified air to adult patients with artificial airways or through mask ventilation. The operating flow range is 5 to 120L/min depending on the patient interface. The HC550 is designed for use in long term care facilities or the home under the prescription of a qualified medical professional.

INSTRUCTION SHEET
DO NOT DISCARD
Rx only
OPERATION

MUTE

The mute button silences the humidifier's audible alarm for at least two minutes. The muted time depends on the alarm condition and the severity of its cause.

SET-UP INDICATORS

Chamber & Airway Probes

Lights if either the chamber probe or the airway probe is not inserted into the breathing circuit correctly.

Heater Wire

Lights if the heater wire adapter or breathing circuit has not been connected, or is damaged.

Temperature Probe

Lights if the temperature probe is not correctly plugged into the HC550, or the probe is faulty.

Water Out

Lights when there is insufficient water in the chamber. Check water supply. Maximum time to alarm of 20 minutes.

See Manual

The humidifier and all accessories should be immediately replaced and sent for servicing.

TEMPERATURE DISPLAY

During normal operation the display temperature is not visible. When the high temperature alarm activates the display shows the saturated gas temperature delivered to the patient (the lower of the airway and chamber temperatures in °C).

By pushing and holding the mute button for one second, the chamber outlet temperature is displayed and then the airway temperature is shown. The display will then disappear.

LOW TEMPERATURE ALARM

An audible alarm and flashing indicator are given for saturated gas temperatures of 35.5 °C or lower (invasive mode only). Caused by cold/drakthy conditions or very high or low gas flows.

If the circumstances causing the low humidity alarm cannot be changed then the audible alarm acts as a reminder that the patient is receiving inadequate humidity and may require further treatment to maintain airway clearance.

HIGH TEMPERATURE ALARM

An audible alarm and flashing temperature display showing 41 °C or higher. The humidifier will discontinue heating of the chamber and circuit until the temperature decreases to within normal limits.

MODES

WARNING: Ensure that invasive mode is set for patients that have bypassed airways.

Invasive Mode

This mode is for patients with bypassed airways. The humidifier delivers gas as close to body temperature saturated (37 °C, 44 mg/L) as possible.

Under cold or draughty conditions the chamber temperature may drop as low as 35.5 °C in order to maintain a dry breathing circuit.

NonInvasive Mode

This mode is for patients receiving face mask therapy, and delivers a comfortable level of humidity.

Changing mode

The mode of operation should only be changed by a qualified healthcare professional via the diagnostic menu as explained in the technical manual (REF 185043659).

ON/OFF BUTTON

The humidifier will power ON if this button is held down briefly, but must be held down for one second to turn the humidifier off.