



# DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cycler

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Model TCST-9622











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## 1. Safety Precautions

Before using the **DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cycler** for the first time, please read this entire operation manual carefully. To guarantee problem free, safe operation of the **DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cycler**, it is essential to observe the following section.

### 1.1. Intended Use

This instrument is intended to be used by trained personnel to perform PCR. In this manual we assume the user to have knowledge of basic laboratory procedures and PCR chemistry.

### 1.2. Safety Label



**High Temperature Label:** Please be aware of the heated components.

### 1.3. General Instrument Safety

**PHYSICAL INJURY HAZARD.** Using the instrument in a manner not specified by the manufacturer may result in personal injury or damage to the instrument.

#### 1.3.1. Transportation and Storage

This instrument should be transported or stored in an environment with a temperature of  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ ~ $60^{\circ}\text{C}$ , relative humidity 20% ~ 80%.

#### 1.3.2. Moving and Lifting the Instrument

**PHYSICAL INJURY HAZARD.** The instrument is to be moved and positioned only by the personnel or vendor specified in the applicable site preparation guide. If you decide to lift or move the instrument after it has been installed, do not attempt to lift or move the instrument without the assistance of others, the use of appropriate moving equipment, and proper lifting techniques. Improper lifting can cause pain and permanent back injury.

#### 1.3.3. Installation and Operation

1. Do not use the device in a potentially explosive environment or with potentially explosive chemicals.
2. Install the device in a location free of excessive dust.
3. Avoid placing the device in direct sunlight.
4. Choose a flat, stable surface capable of bearing the weight of the device.
5. Install the device in a room with a temperature of  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$  ~  $30^{\circ}\text{C}$ , relative humidity 20%. ~ 80%.
6. **MAKE SURE** the air vents are unobstructed.
7. Keep the front and rear of the device at least 10 cm from the wall or other equipment.

8. Make sure the power source conforms to the required power supply specifications.
9. To avoid electric shock, make sure the device is plugged into a grounded electrical outlet.
10. Do not allow water or any foreign objects to enter the various openings of the device.

#### 1.3.4. Cleaning, Decontaminating and Servicing the Instrument

Before using a cleaning or decontamination method other than those recommended by the supplier verify with the supplier that the proposed method will not damage the equipment.

Switch off and unplug the device before cleaning, servicing, or replacing the fuses.

Repairs should be carried out by authorized service personnel only.

#### 1.3.5. Instructions for removal from use, transportation or disposal

**Do not dispose of this product as unsorted municipal waste.** Follow local municipal waste ordinances for proper disposal provisions to reduce the environmental impact of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE).

### 1.4. Chemical Safety

#### 1.4.1. Chemical Hazard Warning

**CHEMICAL HAZARD.** Before handling any chemicals, refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) provided by the supplier, and observe all relevant precautions.

#### 1.4.2. About MSDSs

Chemical suppliers supply current Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) with shipments of hazardous chemicals to new customers. They also provide MSDSs with the first shipment of a hazardous chemical to a customer after an MSDS has been updated. MSDSs provide the safety information you need to store, handle, transport, and dispose of the chemicals safely.

Each time you receive a new MSDS packaged with a hazardous chemical, be sure to replace the appropriate MSDS in your files.

#### 1.4.3. Chemical Safety Guidelines

To minimize the hazards of chemicals:

- Read and understand the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) provided by the chemical supplier before you store, handle, or work with any chemicals or hazardous materials. (See **“About MSDSs” in Section 1.4.2.**)
- Minimize contact with chemicals. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment when handling chemicals (for example, safety glasses, gloves, or protective clothing). For additional safety guidelines, consult the MSDS.
- Minimize the inhalation of chemicals. Do not leave chemical containers open. Use only with adequate ventilation (for example, fume hood). For additional safety guidelines, consult the

MSDS.

- Check regularly for chemical leaks or spills. If a leak or spill occurs, follow the supplier's cleanup procedures as recommended in the MSDS.
- Comply with all local, state/provincial, or national laws and regulations related to chemical storage, handling, and disposal.

## 1.5. Chemical Waste Safety

### 1.5.1. Chemical Waste Hazard

**HAZARDOUS WASTE.** Refer to Material Safety Data Sheets and local regulations for handling and disposal.

## 1.6. Electrical Safety

**ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD.** Severe electrical shock can result from operating the **DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cycler** without its instrument panels in place. Do not remove instrument panels. High-voltage contacts are exposed when instrument panels are removed from the instrument.

### 1.6.1. Fuses

**FIRE HAZARD.** Improper fuses or high-voltage supply can damage the instrument wiring system and cause a fire. Before turning on the instrument, verify that the fuses are properly installed and that the instrument voltage matches the power supply in your laboratory.

**FIRE HAZARD.** For continued protection against the risk of fire, replace fuses only with fuses of the type and rating specified for the instrument.

### 1.6.2. Power

**ELECTRICAL HAZARD.** Grounding circuit continuity is vital for the safe operation of equipment. Never operate equipment with the grounding conductor disconnected. Use properly configured and approved line cords for the voltage supply in your facility. Plug the system into a properly grounded receptacle with adequate current capacity.

## 2. General Description

The **DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cycler** is a powerful, reliable and affordable thermal cycler. It is equipped with a gradient function that enables the user to set a maximum 30°C temperature gradient between the left and right rows in the sample block at each temperature.

### 2.1. Features

- Flexible ramp rate control
- Easy-to-operate lid design.
- Large LCD touch panel enhances visibility and ease-of-operation.
- Heated lid to prevent the formation of condensation.
- Robust and modern outlook design.
- Air intake vents on the front and exhaust vents on the rear reduce heat-based interference with other equipment.
- Simple and easy-to-use graphical interface.
- Gradient function enables optimization of annealing temperatures.
- Temperature increment/decrement function makes touchdown PCR possible.
- Preset protocol templates make starting amplification easier.
- Automatically creates operating history and error logs.
- Auto restart of a running protocol after power failure.

## 2.2. Product Overview

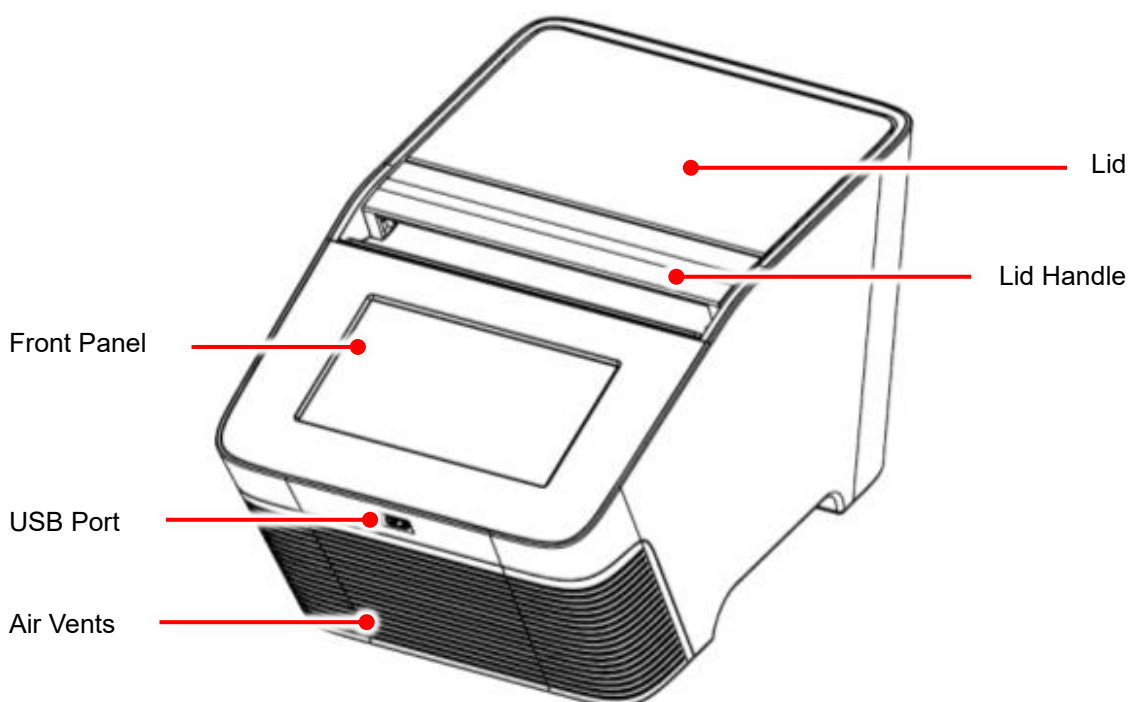


Figure 1. Top view

Table 1. Detailed description for top view

Name	Function
<b>Front Panel</b>	7" high resolution color LCD display with capacitive touch panel. It displays the status of the system and allows the user to operate the instrument.
<b>USB Port</b>	For protocol and run log output via USB flash drive.
<b>Air Vents (Front)</b>	For air intake.
<b>Lid</b>	The heated lid is designed to prevent the condensation inside the reaction vessels during the PCR temperature cycling.
<b>Lid Handle</b>	Easy-to-operate handle without tedious rotating mechanism, designed to withstand long-term operation.

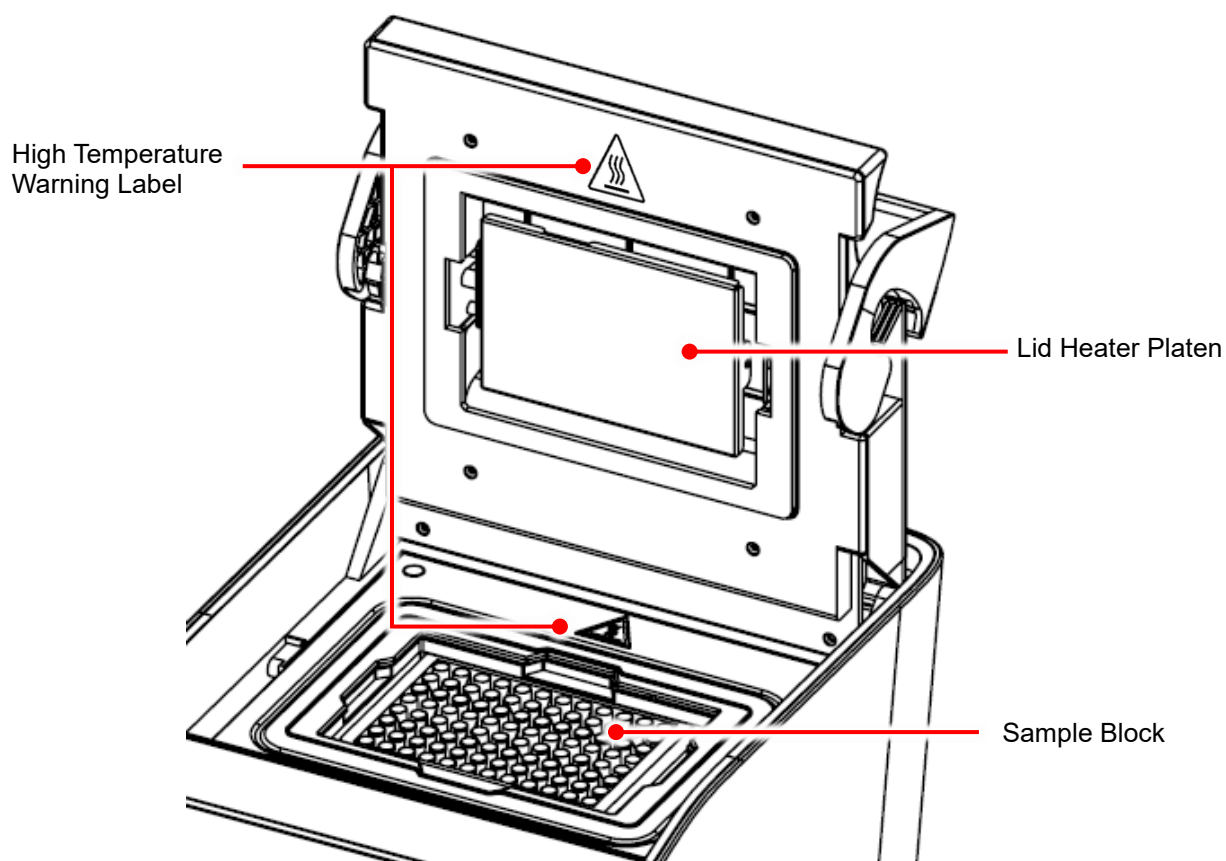


Figure 2. Top view with opened lid

Table 2. Detailed description for top view with opened lid

Name	Function
<b>High Temperature Warning Label</b>	During and after PCR operation, the lid heater platen and the sample block may become very hot (up to 120°C). Please be aware of the high temperature.
<b>Lid Heater Platen</b>	The heater platen is designed to prevent the condensation problem inside the reaction vessels and to place consistent pressure to the top of the reaction vessels. This pressure will ensure an efficient contact between the reaction vessels and the sample block for better heat conduction. It will also help prevent the leakage of sample vapor due to the weak vessel caps or sealing.
<b>Sample Block</b>	Section of the unit to hold the reaction vessels.

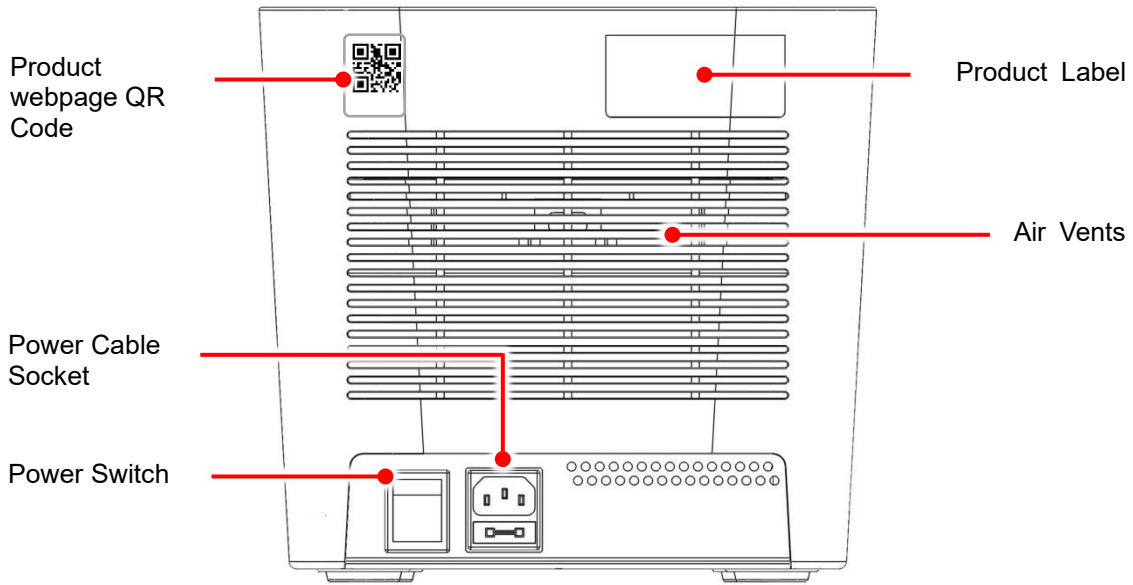


Figure 3. Rear view

Table 3. Detailed description for rear view

Name	Function
<b>Power Cable Socket</b>	Power cable socket and fuse compartment.
<b>Power Switch</b>	Power On/Off switch.
<b>Product Label</b>	Indicates the model, serial number, power specification, and other important information.
<b>Air Vents (Rear)</b>	For air output.

## 3. Getting Started

### 3.1. Unpacking

Open the DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cyclers package and confirm that all items below are included:

- DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cyclers unit x 1
- Quick guide x 1
- Calibration report x 1
- Warranty card x 1
- 5.2mm compression mat x 1
- 1.0mm compression mat x 1
- European AC power cord x 1
- Spare electric fuses (10 A) x 1

If there are any items missing, damaged, or any incorrect items in the package, please contact your distributor or sales representative immediately.

### 3.2. Initial Operation

Place the device on a steady, flat table. Keep the front and rear of the device at least 10cm from the wall or other devices. Check that the power source is compatible with your device's fuse rating input. Connect the power cord to the power socket at the rear of the device.

Switch on the device using the power switch at the rear of the device. The LCD display will show the boot screen and then the "**DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cyclers**" title will be displayed. Tap on the "**DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cyclers**" title to log into the **Main Screen** and start your operation. Tap on the "**DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cyclers**" title again on the **Main Screen** to log out.

Switch off the device when not in use.

### 3.3. Lid Opening/Closing

To open the lid, pull the handle upward and lift the lid backward as shown in Figure 4 to the upright position.

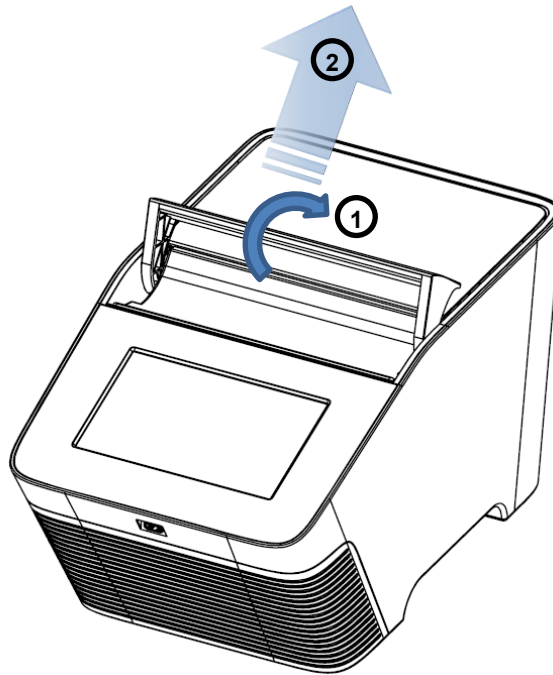


Figure 4. Opening the lid

To close the lid, pull the lid downward and close the handle to the lock position as shown in Figure 5

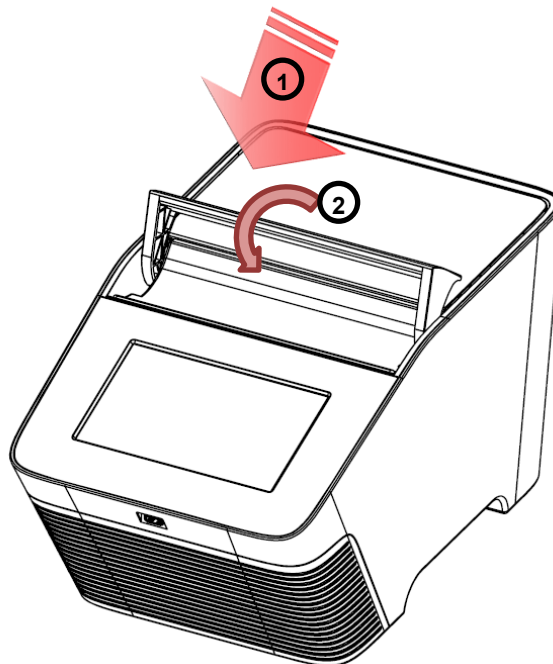


Figure 5. Closing the lid

### 3.4. Heated Lid

The Heated Lid heats the air in the upper part of the sample vessels at a higher temperature than the reaction mixture. This prevents condensation of the evaporated water vapor on the vessel walls, keeping the concentration of the reaction mixture unchanged during the heating and cooling cycles. The heater platen also applies pressure on the caps or sealing film on the vessels to prevent vapor loss and cross contamination of samples.

Due to the height difference between the standard profile vessels and the low-profile vessels, it is required to use the 5.2 mm **Compression Mat** (standard accessory shipped with **DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cycler**) for low profile vessels. The Compression Mat will help placing even and sufficient pressure on the caps or sealing on the vessels. Please refer to Table 4 for further information.

**Table 4. Lid heater setting guide**

PCR vessels	Compression mat	Lid heater temperature
Regular PCR plate, tube-strips and tubes	Not necessary.  The 1 mm compression mat can be used to help maintaining the sealing integrity in case the PCR plate has any imperfection on the rim of the well.	105°C
Low profile PCR plate, tube strips and tubes	The 5.2 mm compression mat must be used to ensure sufficient contact pressure from the heated lid	120°C

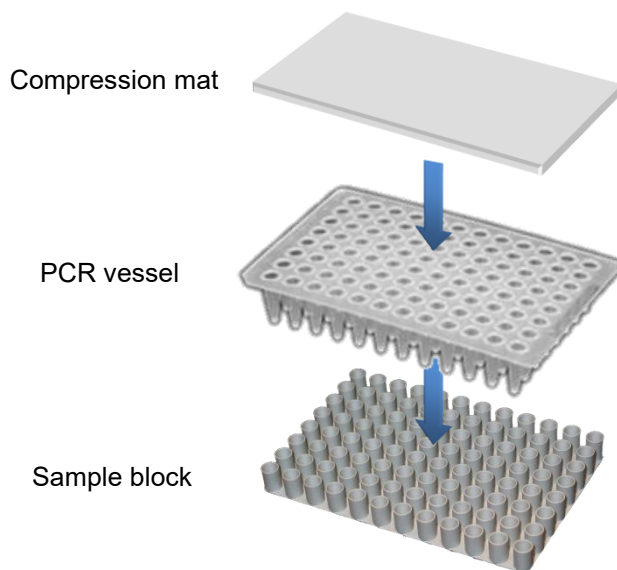
#### Note

1. If **DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cycler** is started cold, approximately two to three minutes will be required for the heater platen to reach the setting temperature. If the low-profile reaction vessels and the 5.2mm compression mat are used, an extra three minutes will be required to allow the compression mat to be heated to the required 120°C temperature.

### 3.5. Loading the Reaction Vessel

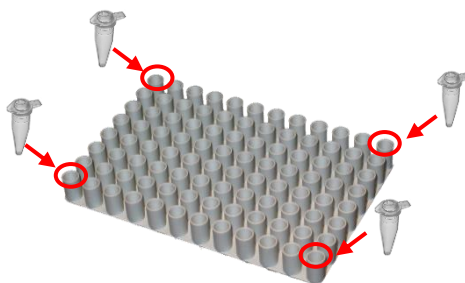
For the optimal performance of the **DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cycler**, the recommended sample volume for 0.2 ml tubes or 96-well plates is 5-100 $\mu$ l. For low profile vessels, it is required to use a 5.2 mm Compression Mat which will help placing even and sufficient pressure on the caps or sealing on the vessels.

To apply the compression mat, follow the instruction shown in Figure 6.



**Figure 6. Applying the Compression Mat**

To prevent the deformation of the PCR vessels, and to ensure even distribution of the pressure from the lid, when PCR tubes or tube-strips are used, please load extra empty tubes on the 4 corners of the sample block as shown in Figure 7. Always make sure that all the sample tubes/ tube-strips are distributed evenly on the sample block.



**Figure 7. Loading extra tubes**

### 3.6. Main Screen

On the **Main Screen** there are some information items indicate the status of the **DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cycler**, it also contains 8 main function icons. Please refer to the following Figure 8 and Table 5 for the detailed description.

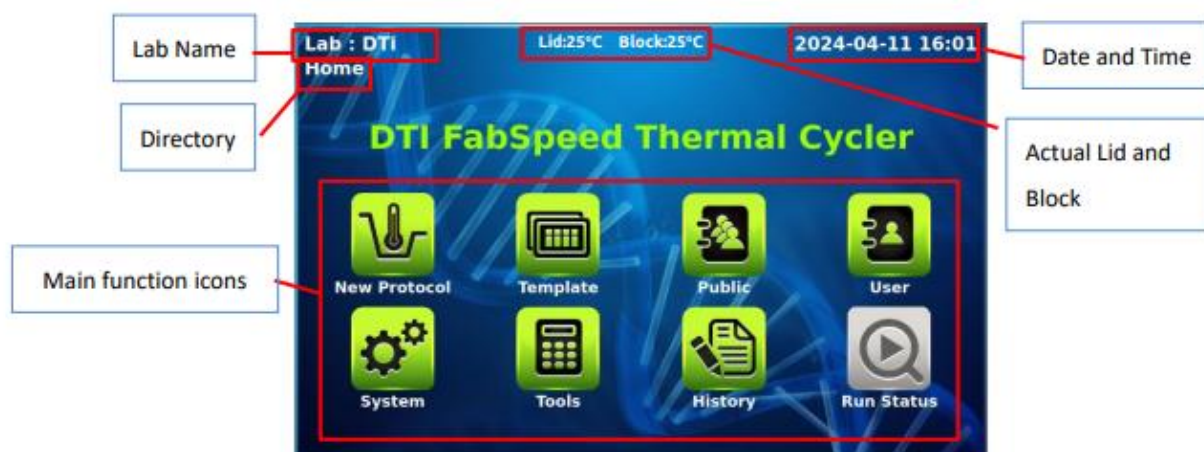











Figure 8. Main Screen overview

Table 5. Main function icons

Main function icons	
	<b>New Protocol</b> For new protocol creation and editing
	<b>Template</b> Built-in protocol template
	<b>Public</b> Short cut to the Public folder
	<b>User</b> For user folder management
	<b>System</b> System setting
	<b>Tools</b> Built-in assistant tools
	<b>History</b> Protocol run history logbook
	<b>Run Status</b> Display the status of the running protocol

## 4. User Folder Management

Tap on the **User** icon  on the main screen to enter the **User folder** management screen. A sample screen is shown in Figure 9 below.

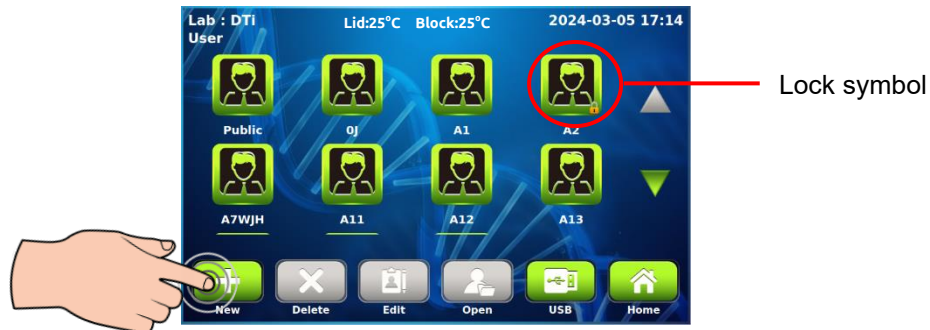





Figure 9. User folder overview

All Protocols are stored inside the user folders. There are 8 user folders displayed in one page. If there are more than 8 user folders registered in the system, you can slide up or down on the screen or tap on   to see the other pages.


The lock symbol  on the lower right corner of the folder icon indicates that the folder is password protected.

Users can utilize the function icons on the lower part of the screen to open, create, edit and delete the user folders. The **Home** icon is used to return to the **Main Screen**.


### Note


The **Public** folder is a preset folder which cannot be deleted and requires no password to enter.

### 4.1. Creating a New User Folder


On the **User folder** screen, tap on the **new** icon  to create a new User folder. Input the folder name and password (optional). Tap the user icon (10 different male and female icons are available) to change the icon for the new folder.

### 4.2. Viewing a User Folder




To view the contents in a **User folder**, tap on the folder icon to select and highlight it. You can then tap for the second time or tap on the **Open** icon  to open it. If the folder is password protected, you'll be requested to input the password. Input the password and tap on **OK** to confirm the password or tap on **CANCEL** to abort the operation. If the password is entered correctly, the folder will then be opened. If the password is entered incorrectly, a warning message box will pop up indicating the

wrong password was entered. Tap on  to return to the password input screen and input the correct password. To run a Protocol, please refer to Section 6.1.

### 4.3. Editing a User Folder

To edit the properties of a **User folder**, tap on the folder icon to select and highlight the folder, then tap on the **Edit** icon  to edit it. You can change the folder name and password (optional) or change the icon you want to use for the folder. Tap on OK to store and finish the editing.


### 4.4. Deleting a User Folder

To delete a **User folder**, tap on the folder icon to select and highlight the folder, then tap on the **Delete** icon  to delete it. You are required to enter the password if the folder is password protected. The screen will prompt “Do you want to delete the folder?”. Tap on  to confirm the deletion. Tap on  to abort the deletion.


#### Note

User folders which contain any protocols cannot be deleted. You should delete all the protocols in them first.

### 4.5. Using USB Flash Drive as a User Folder

You can use a USB flash drive as a **User Folder** to keep your protocols. You can also use the USB flash drive to transfer the protocols between different **DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cycler units**. Please insert your USB flash driver into the front USB port and wait for 5-10 seconds (depending on the specification of the flash drive. It is recommended to format your flash drive in FAT or FAT32 file system prior to using it on **DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cycler**) for the **DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cycler** to recognize it and create the required folder in it. Tap on the **USB** icon  to open the specific folder (\\TPCR\_Files) in the flash drive and use it as a **User Folder**.

## 5. Protocol Management



After entering the selected User Folder, the protocol list will be displayed. A sample screen is shown as Figure 10 below. Users can utilize the function icons on the lower part of the screen to edit, create, delete, duplicate (save as new protocol) and open the protocols. The **Back** icon  is used to return to the **User folder screen**.



	Name	Date & Time
1	2-step	2016-10-11 13:04
2	3-step	2016-10-11 13:04
3	Gradient	2024-03-05 17:04
4	Time Increment	2016-10-11 13:04
5	Touch down	2016-10-11 13:04

Figure 10. Protocol list

### 5.1. Creating a New Protocol

A new Protocol can be created by going to the User folder and tapping on the **NEW** icon , a new protocol with a standard template will be created in the folder. Alternately, you can tap on the **New Protocol** icon  on the Main Screen. In this way, the new protocol can be saved to any selected User folder later. The protocol editing screen is shown as Figure 11 below.

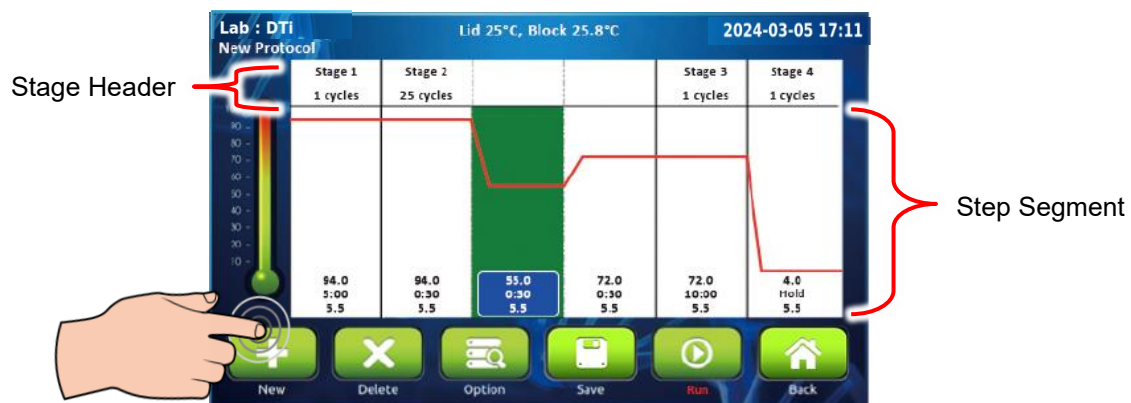





Figure 11. Standard Protocol Template

During your editing, if the **Protocol** contains too many **Stages/Steps** that cannot be completely displayed on the screen, you can slide right or left on the screen to see the other part of the **Protocol**.

You can also use the built-in protocol templates as your start point for a new protocol by tapping on the **Template** icon  on the **Main Screen** and choose one of the templates in it. Please refer to **Section 5.3 Editing (Viewing) a Protocol** for detailed instructions.

### 5.1.1. Changing Temperature/Time/Ramp Rate Setting

- To select the **Step**, tap on the step segment. The selected **Step** will be highlighted and the **Step Temperature, Time and Ramp Rate**  will be displayed. Tap on  and a spinning wheel will pop up as shown in Figure 12, allowing you to modify the **Step Temperature, Step Time or Step Ramp Rate**.

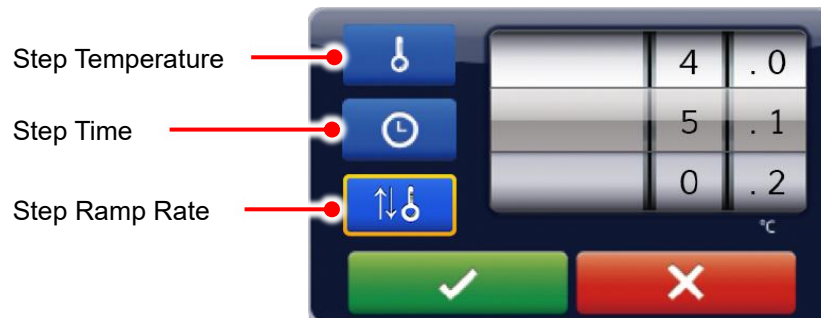




Figure 12. Temperature/Time/Ramp Rate setting

- Tap on the **Temperature, Time** or Ramp Rate setting function icon and spin the wheel to the desired value. Tap on  to accept the setting. Tap on  to abort the operation.

The temperature and time ranges are shown below.

**Temperature range: 4.0 to 100°C**



**Time range (minute: second): 00:01 to 99:59.**

**Ramp Rate range: 0.1 to 5.5 °C/sec.**

#### Note

If the last **Stage** contains only one **Step** segment, the  $\infty$  check box will be activated in the **Time** setting spinning wheel, allowing you to set the infinity hold at the end of the protocol.





### 5.1.2. Inserting/Deleting a Stage or Step Segment

Tap on the **Stage** header or the **Step** segment. The selected area will be highlighted. Tap on the **New**  or the **Delete**  function icon to duplicate or delete the selected **Stage/Step**.

#### Note

- If you delete all the **Steps** in a **Stage**, the entire **Stage** will be deleted.
- If there is only one **Stage** left in the protocol, it cannot be deleted.
- In a **Stage** which contains only one **Step**, if you duplicate the **Step**, the **Stage Cycle Number** will be set to 2. Please refer to **Section 5.1.3 Changing Stage Cycle Number** for further instruction.

### 5.1.3. Changing Stage Cycle Number

If a **Stage** contains more than one **Step** segment, the **Stage Cycle Number**  will appear when you tap on the **Stage** header to highlight it. The **Stage Cycle Number** indicates the total number of times the Stage will repeat itself during the protocol running. Tap on  and the **Cycles** spinning wheel will pop up as shown in Figure 13 below, allowing you to modify the **Stage Cycle Number**. Spin the wheel to the desired number and tap on  to accept the setting or tap on  to abort the operation.

**The Stage Cycle Number range: 2 to 99.**



Figure 13. Cycle number setting

### 5.1.4. Advanced Option Settings

Users can set up the following advanced option functions for the **Steps** in a multi-step **Stage**:

- 1) **Gradient**
- 2) **Temperature Increment/Decrement**
- 3) **Time Increment/Decrement.**


Tap the specific **Step** to highlight it and tap on the **Option** icon . The **Option** spinning wheel shown in Figure 14 will be displayed.



Figure 14. Advanced option



#### 5.1.4.1. Gradient Temperature Setting

Tap on the **Temperature Gradient** setting function icon, spin the wheel to the desired value for the gradient temperature span from the original temperature of the **Step**. The value 00.0 turns off the **Gradient**.

The Gradient temperature ranges are shown below.

**Temperature range for gradient option: 30.0 to 100.0°C**

**Gradient temperature span: 0.1 to 30.0°C**

1. Tap on  to accept the setting or tap on  to abort the operation. A table will pop up displaying the calculated gradient temperature from column 1 to 12. Tap on  to confirm the setting.



##### Note

The temperature values between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> columns are calculated values and represent an algorithmic based on the heat distribution throughout the sample block.

#### 5.1.4.2. Temperature Increment/Decrement Settings

1. Tap on the **Temperature Increment/Decrement** setting function icon, spin the wheel to the desired value for the temperature increment/decrement per cycle. The value 0.0 turns off the **Temperature Increment/Decrement**.

**Max. Temperature incremental/decrement value: +/- 9.9°C**

2. Tap on  to accept the setting or tap on  to abort the operation.



##### Note

Temperature limits 4.0°C to 99.9°C. DO NOT exceed.

#### 5.1.4.3. Time Increment/Decrement Settings

1. Tap on the **Temperature Increment/Decrement** setting function icon, spin the wheel to the desired value for the temperature increment/decrement per cycle. The value 0.0 turns off the **Temperature Increment/Decrement**.




**Max. Time increment/decrement value (minute : second): +/- 9:59**

2. Tap on  to accept the setting or tap on  to abort the operation.


##### Note

Time limits 99:59. DO NOT exceed.

## 5.2. Saving a Protocol




After all settings are entered, tap on the **Save** icon  to store the protocol. Input the protocol name in the pop-up screen and tap on “OK”. If you create your new protocol from the **Main Screen**, you’ll then be brought to the **User folder** selection screen. Tap on a **User folder** icon to select the folder, and then tap on  to save to the folder. Alternately, you can tap on the **USB** icon  to save the protocol to the USB flash drive inserted. If you create your new protocol in a **User folder**, after you input the protocol name and tap on “OK”, the protocol will be saved to the folder directly.

## 5.3. Editing (Viewing) a Protocol

To edit a **Protocol** in the User’s protocol list, tap on the **Protocol** name to select it first. The selected **Protocol** will be highlighted. You can then tap it the second time or tap on the **Open** icon  to open it. Please refer to **Section 5.1.1~5.1.4** to edit the temperature segment and numerical values, and other advanced functions. After all settings are edited, please refer to **Section 5.2** to save the edited **Protocol** to the original folder. An edited **Protocol** can be saved under a new name (as a newly created **Protocol**) or under the same name (overwrite the original **Protocol**).

You can use the **Edit Name** icon  to change the **Protocol** name.

## 5.4. Deleting a Protocol

Tap to select the **Protocol** to be deleted. The selected **Protocol** will be highlighted. You can then tap on  the **Delete** icon to delete it. A dialog box will pop up requesting you to confirm the operation. Tap on  to confirm the deletion. Tap on  to abort the operation.

### Note

Protocols in the **Template** folder can’t be deleted.


## 6. Protocol Running Management



**Caution:** During the protocol running, the lid heater and the sample block may become very hot. Please be aware of the high temperature.

### 6.1. Running a Protocol

Please refer to **Section 5.3 Editing (Viewing) a Protocol** to open and check the setting of a **Protocol**.

Tap on **Run** icon  to initiate the run. Users are requested to select the temperature control mode of the **Lid Heater** and the **Sample Block**.

1. **Lid Heater** temperature control mode.

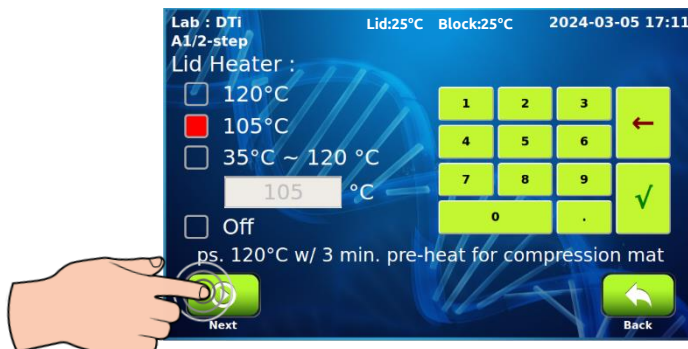



Figure 15. Lid heater control mode

Please refer to **Section 3.4** for detailed information. Tap on the **Next** icon  to go to the **Sample Block** temperature control mode screen.

2. **Sample Block** temperature control mode:
  - i. **Block Mode:** Enables system operation with maximum temperature control based on the actual block temperature regardless of the sample temperature. This mode is designed to mimic the control algorithm of the early day thermal cyclers.
  - ii. **Sample Mode:** Enables system operation with simulated temperature control. Users are required to input the sample volume: 5-100µl. In this mode, the temperature control algorithm will estimate the sample temperature based on the block temperature and the sample volume. This is recommended for normal operation.

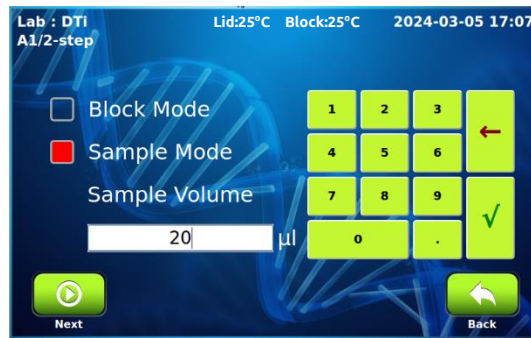


Figure 16. Sample Block control mode

Tap on **Run** icon  to start the run.

## 6.2. Monitoring the Protocol Running Status

During the protocol running, the running status screen will be displayed as shown in Figure 17 below. The running **Step** is highlighted in red (heating) or blue (cooling).

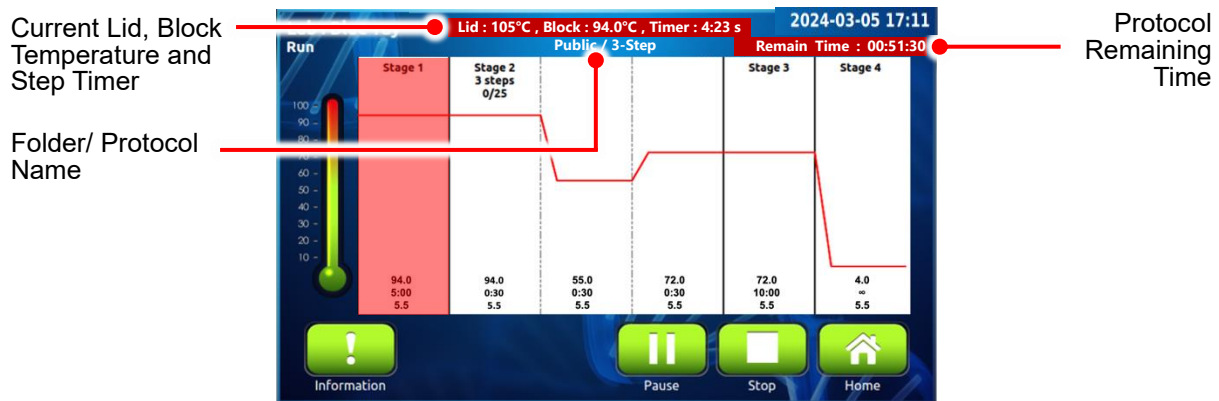


Figure 17. Running Protocol





Tap on the **Information** icon  for more information as shown in Figure 18 below.





Figure 18. Run information

You can use the **Home** icon  to go to the **Main Screen** for other operation. To return to the running protocol, tap on the **Run Status** icon  on the **Main Screen**.




### 6.3. Pausing a Running Protocol

To pause a running **Protocol**, tap on the **Pause** icon , a dialog box will pop up, requesting you to confirm the operation. The protocol running will not be interrupted before your confirmation. Tap on  to confirm and start the pause. Tap on  to abort the operation.


During the pause period, the temperature of the lid heater and the sample block will be kept and the countdown timer of the **Step** will be paused. The **Pause** icon will be converted to the **Resume** icon .

To resume the paused protocol, tap on .

### 6.4. Terminating a Running Protocol

To stop a running **Protocol**, tap on the **Stop** icon , a dialog box will pop up, requesting you to confirm the operation. The protocol running will not be interrupted before your confirmation. Tap on  to confirm and stop the run. Tap on  to abort the operation.

## 7. Tools

Tap on the **Tools** icon  on the **Main Screen** to enter the **Tools** section as shown in Figure 19 below. 5 built-in tools are designed to assist you with your routine tasks.

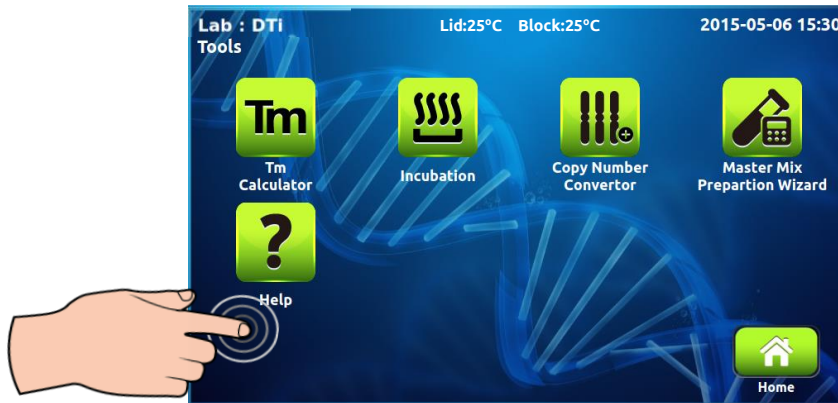


Figure 19. Tools overview

### 7.1. Tm Calculator

Calculate the Tm, length, GC% and the molecular weight for the input primer.

### 7.2. Incubator

Allows you to use **DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cycler** as an incubator.

### 7.3. Copy Number Converter

Convert the DNA concentration into copy number.

### 7.4. Master mix Preparation Wizard

Calculate the volume of the reagents needed to make the master mix.

### 7.5. Help

Display the quick operation guide for **DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cycler**.

## 8. System Setup


Tap on the **System** icon  on the **Main Screen** to enter the **System** setup section as shown in Figure 20 below. Here you can adjust several parameters for the **DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cycler**.



Figure 20. System overview

### 8.1. **Brightness**

You can change the brightness of the display panel according to your environment's lighting condition.

### 8.2. **Beep Sound**

You can turn **ON** or **OFF** the beep sound from here.

### 8.3. **Date & Time**

Users can change the date and time of the **DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cycler** from here.

### 8.4. **Administration**

The default password of Administrator is "1111". The Administrator of this unit has the right to delete any **User folder** and any **Protocols** inside a **User folder**. You can change the Administrator password and the Lab Name from here.

### 8.5. **Service Mode**

Only authorized service personnel have the password to enter Service Mode and perform necessary maintenance and repairs.

## 9. Maintenance

### 9.1. Cleaning the Unit

Please ensure that no liquid is spilled onto or into the unit. In addition, periodically wipe it clean of dust and other residue that comes with normal operation of the unit. Use a soft, lint-free cloth and deionized water. Air vents should be vacuumed to remove dust.

### 9.2. Cleaning the Heated Lid

Make sure the **DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cycler** is turned off, unplugged and cooled down. Use mild detergents to clean material from the lid. A Kimwipe™ dipped in 70% ethanol will help remove residue from the sealing tape. Make sure the lid is dry prior to plugging in the power cable.


### 9.3. Replacing a Fuse

The fuse is located in the power socket module, just below the power connector. If the unit does not turn on when the power switch is turned on, you may need to check and replace the fuse.

To replace the fuse:

1. Disconnect the power cord from the unit.
2. Remove the fuse drawer with a small-blade screwdriver.
3. Pull the fuse out of the fuse socket.
4. Reinsert the fuse into the fuse socket. Reinsert the fuse drawer.

## 10. Troubleshooting

Problem	Cause	Action
During the protocol running, the running status screen show warning icon. 	Operating temperature environment may be unsuitable.	Operate the unit in a temperature environment between 15 to 30°C.
The display is off even when power is switched on.	Power is not reaching the system.	Check power source voltage.
	Power cord is not plugged into the socket properly.	Reconnect the power cord.
	Power fuse is blown out.	Replace the power fuse.
	Block fuse is blown out.	Return the unit for service.
Can't reach 4°C.	Operating temperature environment may be unsuitable.	Operate the unit in a temperature environment between 15 to 30°C.
	Electronic cooling element may be damaged or aged.	Return the unit for service.
Cycle time is too long.	Operating environment temperature may be unsuitable.	Operate the system in a temperature environment between 15 to 30°C.
	Electronic cooling element may be damaged or aged.	Return the unit for service.
	Faulty temperature sensor.	Return the unit for service.
Lid heater does not work.	Lid heater is set to off.	Check Lid Temperature setting in System Mode.
	Lid sensor problem.	Return the unit for service.
No beep sound when tapping icons.	Sound may currently be set to off.	Check Beeper setting in System Mode.
	Faulty touch panel.	Return the unit for service.
The display goes off.	Faulty backlight.	Return the unit for service.
	Faulty LCD panel	Return the unit for service.
Display is too dark or bright.	Display brightness is not adjusted properly.	Adjust Display Brightness Potentiometer.
Lid will not close.	Foreign object between lid heater and sample block.	Remove the foreign object or matter.
	Faulty lid lock mechanism.	Return the unit for service.
Error message appears.	Refer to list of error messages in <b>Section 10.1</b> below.	Check the nature of the error and take the suggested actions.

## 10.1. Error Messages

Message	Cause	Action
<b>Error 1: Ambient temperature too high!</b>	The room temperature exceeds 30°C.	Cool down the room temperature. Reboot the unit
	There are no enough space in the front and rear of the device	Keep the front and rear of the device at least 10cm from the wall or other devices. Reboot the unit.
	The air vent is blocked	Remove any objects blocking the vents. Reboot the unit.
<b>Error 2: Ambient temperature sensor error!</b>	Room temperature sensor problem.	Reboot the unit.
<b>Error 3: Heat sink temperature too high!</b>	The room temperature exceeds 30°C.	Cool down the room temperature. Reboot the unit. Reboot the unit.
	There are no enough space in the front and rear of the device	Keep the front and rear of the device at least 10cm from the wall or other devices.
	The air vent is blocked	Remove any objects blocking the vents. Reboot the unit.
<b>Error 4: Heat sink temperature sensor error!</b>	Heat sink temperature sensor problem.	Reboot the unit.
<b>Error 5: Lid heater temperature too high!</b>	Lid temperature exceeds 132°C.	Reboot the unit.
<b>Error 6: Lid heater temperature sensor error!</b>	Lid temperature sensor problem.	Reboot the unit.
<b>Error 7: Lid heater cannot reach setting Temp.!</b>	The room temperature is lower than 15°C.	Warm up the room temperature. Reboot the unit.
	Lid heater problem.	Reboot the unit.
<b>Error 8~13: Block N (XX) temperature too high!</b> N= 1 (UL) : upper left 2 (UC) : upper center 3 (UR) : upper right 4 (LL) : lower left 5 (LC) : lower center 6 (LR) : lower right	Block temperature exceeds 108°C.	Reboot the unit.
<b>Error 14~19: Block N (XX) temperature sensor error!</b>	Block temperature sensor problem.	Reboot the unit.

<p>N= 1 (UL) : upper left          2 (UC) : upper center          3 (UR) : upper right          4 (LL) : lower left          5 (LC) : lower center          6 (LR) : lower right</p>		
<p><b>Error 20~25: Block N (XX) cannot reach setting Temp.!</b></p> <p>N= 1 (UL) : upper left          2 (UC) : upper center          3 (UR) : upper right          4 (LL) : lower left          5 (LC) : lower center          6 (LR) : lower right</p>	<p>The room temperature is lower than 15°C or exceeds 30°C.</p>	<p>Maintain the room temperature at 15~30°C range. Reboot the unit.</p>
<p>N= 1 (UL) : upper left          2 (UC) : upper center          3 (UR) : upper right          4 (LL) : lower left          5 (LC) : lower center          6 (LR) : lower right</p>	<p>Block thermoelectric module problem.</p>	<p>Reboot the unit.</p>
<p><b>Error 26~31: Block N (XX) cannot hold at setting Temp.!</b></p> <p>N= 1 (UL) : upper left          2 (UC) : upper center          3 (UR) : upper right          4 (LL) : lower left          5 (LC) : lower center          6 (LR) : lower right</p>	<p>Block thermoelectric module problem.</p>	<p>Reboot the unit.</p>
<p><b>Error32:</b>  <b>TEXT_UART_NO_ANSWER</b></p>		<p>Reboot the unit.</p>
<p><b>Error 33:</b>  <b>TEXT_UART_RECEIVE_WRONG</b></p>		<p>Reboot the unit.</p>

If the same error message appears after rebooting the unit, please return the unit for service.

## Appendix A: Technical Specifications

<b>Sample Block</b>	
96 well, gradient block	Compatible with regular profile or low profile 0.2 ml PCR tube, strip, non-skirted, semi-skirted and full skirted 96-well plate
<b>Block Temperature</b>	
Block Temperature range	4.0 to 100°C
Maximum Heating/Cooling Rate	5.5/3.3°C/sec
Average Heating/Cooling Rate	4.1/2.4°C/sec
Accuracy	+/-0.3°C
Uniformity	+/-0.3°C
Adjustable Ramping rates	Yes, 0.1 - 5.5°C/sec
<b>Gradient Temperature</b>	
Gradient direction:	Horizontal across the block
Gradient Temperature Range	30 ~ 100°C
Gradient Temperature Difference	Max. span 30°C
<b>Software</b>	
Portability of protocols	Save and transfer to another DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cycler via USB flash drive
Stored program no.	> 4000 sets
Registered user folder no.	100 sets
User folder password protection	Yes
Run status report	Yes, HTML output and transfer via USB flash drive
Real-time Temp. profile export	Yes, CSV output and transfer via USB flash drive
Tools	TM calculator, Copy number calculator, Master mix preparation calculator
<b>General</b>	
Display	7" color LCD with capacitive touch panel
Data Ports	1 USB A front port for USB flash drive
Heated Lid	35 - 120°C or off
Auto restart after power outage	Yes
Footprint Dimensions (H x W x D)	225 mm x 245 mm x 415 mm
Weight	9.5 kg
Power Supply	VAC 100-240, 50/60 Hz, 750 W
Standard	CE, RoHS

## Appendix B: Template Protocols

### 2-Step

Stage 1	94°C, 5 min
Stage 2	94°C, 30 sec
30 cycles	67°C, 30 sec
Stage 3	72°C, 7 min
Stage 4	4°C, Hold

### 3-Step

Stage 1	94°C, 5 min
Stage 2	94°C, 30 sec
30 cycles	55°C, 30 sec
	72°C, 30 sec
Stage 3	72°C, 7 min
Stage 4	4°C, Hold

### Gradient

Stage 1	94°C, 5 min
Stage 2	94°C, 30 sec
30 cycles	Gradient 55~70°C, 30 sec
	72°C, 30 sec
Stage 3	72°C, 7 min
Stage 4	4°C, Hold

### Time Increment

Stage 1	94°C, 5 min
Stage 2	94°C, 30 sec
30 cycles	65°C, 30 sec (+1sec/Cycle)
	72°C, 30 sec
Stage 3	72°C, 7 min
Stage 4	4°C, Hold

**Touch down**

Stage 1	94°C, 5 min
Stage 2 30 cycles	94°C, 30 sec
	60°C (-0.5°C/Cycle), 30 sec
	72°C, 30 sec
Stage 3 30 cycles	94°C, 30 sec
	45°C, 30 sec
	72°C, 30 sec
Stage 4	72°C, 7 min
Stage 5	4°C, Hold

## Appendix C: Order Information

TCST-9622	DTI FabSpeed Thermal Cycler with 96-well sample block (230V)
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