Technical informations and use instructions

General information:

Like our beaker-shaped "DUPLEX airlock", fermentation locks, filled with a suitable sealing fluid, have the purpose of protecting fermenting and fermented drinks and mashes against air ingress and thus the detrimental influence of atmospheric oxygen, micro-organisms which need oxygen, and dust and fruit flies, while at the same time allowing the carbon dioxide from fermentation to escape. Fermentation locks thus also allow for easy monitoring of the fermentation process.

Information about selection and use:

- Container sizes
  The larger the fermentation or storage container, the larger the fermentation lock should be.

- Intended application
  Violent fermentation and storage containers with plenty of headroom require larger compensation vessels (perspex fermentation locks) or multiple bowls (glass fermentation locks) in order to prevent the sealing fluid from spurting out or being sucked in.

- Appropriate bungs with a hole
  Fermentation locks with a pulled out or angled shaft are intended for low clearance, e.g. low ceiling heights or groups of fermentation and storage containers stacked on top of each other.

- Glass or perspex?
  Glass has the advantage of being resistant to all components of the fermentation gases and every sealing fluid. It is also more hygienic than perspex because it can be spotlessly cleaned as well as steam sterilised and chemically sterilised. Fermentation locks made from perspex (polymethylacrylate), although they comply with the requirements for consumer goods, have only limited resistance to high alcohol concentrations and temperatures. They discolour slightly over time and become brittle. The most significant benefit of perspex, of course, is its mechanical stability / resistance to breaking and the related work safety.

- Appropriate bungs with a hole
  Our range includes bungs of all dimensions made from rubber (grey), consumer goods requirements compliant thermoplastic elastomer (red "DUPLEX" bungs) and silicone. A bung sits well when the average between the top and bottom diameter roughly corresponds to the clear width of the bunghole. When choosing the hole for attaching the fermentation lock, please be aware that the diameter of the hole must be 1 mm less than the diameter of the fermentation lock.

- Sealing fluid
  Water or a mix of equal parts water and glycerine - due to the lower evaporation rate - are suitable for use as the sealing fluid which the fermentation lock is filled to roughly 1/3 with for brewing and fermentation. Towards the end of fermentation and for the storage of fermented mashes and wines, the sealing fluid should have oxygen binding and disinfectant properties. Sulphuric acid or an aqueous solution of the double salts I + II (our information sheet "Cask conservation and drink preservation with SO\textsubscript{2}"") ensure this. The fermentation lock should be filled to about half way for this.

Information about other products:

- DUPLEX airlock
- DUPLEX OPTIMA air filter for fruit juice storage tanks

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Fermentation locks made from perspex

**Fermentation locks, small**
- tube-Ø 10 mm
- No.: 7221
- half full volume: appr. 10 ml

**Fermentation locks straight shaft**
- tube-Ø 20 mm
- No.: 7233
- half full volume: appr. 70 ml

**Fermentation locks bevelled shaft**
- tube-Ø 20 mm
- No.: 7234
- half full volume: appr. 70 ml

**Fermentation locks straight shaft**
- tube-Ø 25 mm
- No.: 7235
- half full volume: appr. 320 ml

**Fermentation locks bevelled shaft**
- tube-Ø 25 mm
- No.: 7236
- half full volume: appr. 320 ml
Fermentation locks made from glass

amateur model with 2 bowls

tube-Ø 10 mm
(type 20/10 mm)
No.: 7220
half full volume: appr. 7 ml

type 20 with 2 bowls

tube-Ø 18 mm
(type 20/18 mm)
No.: 7222
half full volume: appr. 50 ml

type 20 with 2 bowls

tube-Ø 20 mm
(type 20/20 mm)
No.: 7223
half full volume: appr. 70 ml

type 20a with 2 bowls and bevelled shaft (45°)

tube-Ø 18 mm
(type 20a, 45°/18 mm)
No.: 7222/1
half full volume: appr. 50 ml

type 40 with 4 bowls

tube-Ø 18 mm
(type 40/18 mm)
No.: 7227
half full volume: appr. 110 ml

type 40 with 4 bowls

tube-Ø 20 mm
(type 40/20 mm)
No.: 7228
half full volume: appr. 130 ml

type 40a with 4 bowls and bevelled shaft (45°)

tube-Ø 18 mm
(type 40a, 45°/18 mm)
No.: 7229
half full volume: appr. 110 ml

type 40a with 4 bowls and bevelled shaft (45°)

tube-Ø 20 mm
(type 40a, 45°/20 mm)
No.: 7230
half full volume: appr. 130 ml

type 60 with 6 bowls

tube-Ø 18 mm
(type 60/18 mm)
No.: 7231
half full volume: appr. 140 ml

type 60 with 6 bowls

tube-Ø 20 mm
(type 60/20 mm)
No.: 7232
half full volume: appr. 160 ml

type 25 with 2 bowls and long shaft

tube-Ø 18 mm
(type 25/18 mm)
No.: 7224
half full volume: appr. 50 ml

type 25 with 2 bowls and long shaft

tube-Ø 20 mm
(type 25/20 mm)
No.: 7225
half full volume: appr. 70 ml

type 45 with 4 bowls and long shaft

tube-Ø 18 mm
(type 45/18 mm)
No.: 7226
half full volume: appr. 110 ml