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SNOL 1100°C Laboratory Furnaces

The Fibre Muffle 1100 series from AML Instruments are precision laboratory electric muffle furnaces, with a counter balanced lift-up door, for use up to 1100°C.

Designed for materials testing, heat treatment, ceramic samples firing and ashing (models with chimney). Used in laboratories, educational institutions, workshops and in industry for thermal processing.

The chambers are made of high thermal efficiency vacuumformed ceramic fibre, with heating elements embedded in the sides, top and bottom of the chamber, providing heat from 4 directions. A hard-wearing ceramic tile protects the fibre base from wear.

An Omron E5CC digital PID temperature controller is fitted as standard and provides precise temperature control with good stability and minimal over-shoot. Other options are available (see page 4).

A chimney, fitted to the rear of the furnace, is recommended for processes producing fumes or giving off carbon (e.g. ashing or burn-off operations). A chimney is included as standard on larger models (see the following pages).

Independent over-temperature protection is available and is recommended if the furnace will be run while unattended (e.g. overnight); to meet Health & Safety and some insurers' requirements. Adjustable over-temperature protection (OTP2) can be set to a temperature to protect load placed in the chamber, in addition to the furnace itself. Adjustable over-temperature protection is included as standard on larger models (see the following pages).

Our furnaces are available with optional UKAS (ISO 17025) calibration of the temperature control system, and we also offer multi-point thermal surveys of the chamber volume.

AML Instruments offers models customised to meet AMS 2750G (aerospace & automotive heat treatment specification), complete with UKAS (ISO 17025) calibration and thermal survey meeting NADCAP requirements. For customisation to this specification or others please contact us.

A metal tray is optionally available for each model and is recommended to protect the furnace from spills or debris produced by some processes.



- Lift-up door for efficient use of workspace and greater safety.
- Good stability and uniformity.
- Fast heating and cooling time due to low thermal mass construction.
- Low power consumption for reduced running costs and energy savings.





Smaller Models

Model	Capacity	External Size	Voltage / Power /	Price
AML Stock Code	(WxDxH in mm)	(WxDxH in mm)	Connector	
SNOL 3/1100 LHM01 FCESNOL3/1100LHM01	3 Litres 125 x 200 x 115	340 x 470 x 430	230Vac / 1.8kW / UK 13A style Plug	£ 1,440

Note: At least 1/10th of the chamber dimensions should be left unused on each side. External Size not including optional chimney. If used below 200°C these units (especially larger models) may over-shoot the set temperature, depending on load. Weights exclude options and transportation packaging. WxDxH = Width (Left-right) x Depth (Front-back) x Height (Top-bottom).

Main Options	Default	Optional				
Chimney :	None	Natural Convection +£140	Fan-Assisted +£330			
Over-Temperature Protection :	None	OTP 1 (Non-adjustable) +£160	OTP 2 (Adjustable) +£290			

Additional options and further details are listed on the following pages.

Model AML Stock Code	Capacity (WxDxH in mm)	External Size (WxDxH in mm)	Voltage / Power / Connector	Price
SNOL 8.2/1100 LHM01 FCESNOL8/1100LHM01	8.2 Litres 200 x 300 x 133	440 x 620 x 510	230Vac / 1.8kW / UK 13A style Plug	£ 1,640
SNOL 13/1100 LHM01 FCESNOL13/1100LHM01	13 Litres 225 x 360 x 180	500 x 700 x 550	230Vac / 1.8kW / UK 13A style Plug	£ 2,080

Note: At least 1/10th of the chamber dimensions should be left unused on each side. External Size not including optional chimney. If used below 200°C these units (especially larger models) may over-shoot the set temperature, depending on load. Weights exclude options and transportation packaging. WxDxH = Width (Left-right) x Depth (Front-back) x Height (Top-bottom).

Main Options	Default	Suggested Option	0		
Chimney :	None	Natural Convection	Natural Convection +£120	Fan-Assisted +£330	Fan- Assisted
Over- Temperature Protection :	None	OTP 2 (Adjustable) + £290 (save £100)	OTP 1 (Non-adjustable) +£160	OTP 2 (Adjustable) +£270	and OTP 2 +£490

Additional options and further details are listed on the following pages.

Larger Models

Model AML Stock Code	Capacity (WxDxH in mm)	External Size (WxDxH in mm)	Voltage / Power / Connector	Price
SNOL 22/1100 LHM01 FCESNOL22/1100LHM01	22 Litres 275 x 500 x 155	600 x 890 x 610	230Vac / 3kW / Blue Round 16A Plug	£ 3,080
SNOL 39/1100 LHM01 FCESNOL39/1100LHM01	39 Litres 315 x 515 x 225	650 x 900 x 740	400Vac (3P+N) / 6kW Red Round 16A Plug	£ 3,880

Note: At least $1/10^{th}$ of the chamber dimensions should be left unused on each side. External Size not including optional chimney. If used below 200°C these units (especially larger models) may over-shoot the set temperature, depending on load. Weights exclude options and transportation packaging. WxDxH = Width (Left-right) x Depth (Front-back) x Height (Top-bottom).

Main Options	Fitted as Standard	Optional			
Chimney :	Natural Convection	Fan-AssistedNone+£190-£20			
Over-Temperature Protection :	OTP 2 (Adjustable)	None -£80			

Additional options and further details are listed on the following pages.

Temperature Controller Options for Furnaces

1/16 DIN size (~48x48mm) digital PID temperature controllers, with Run/Stop (Auto/Off) modes and settable heating ramp rate. With 1°C display resolution and featuring Autotune which can be used to optimise the control terms for the load, but which is not necessary for most applications. Optional Programmer models allow advanced timed programs (profiles) to be configured (see next page).

Other instruments can also be fitted to order, providing additional options, such as audible alarms, remote communications (RS-485 etc) and data logging / recording. Please contact us for further details.





Over-temperature Protection Options for Furnaces

By default AML offers the smaller models without over-temperature protection as a product to compete with equivalent models from other suppliers. Adjustable over-temperature protection (OTP2) is included as standard on larger models (see page 3). Provided the furnace is not left unattended, this is acceptable. However the Health and Safety Directive mandates that where units are left unattended they must have over-temperature protection fitted. (*Prices on Page 3.*)

OTP 1	An internally fitted self-resetting temperature limit controller, which users cannot access or change the temperature setting. Protects the furnace from exceeding its maximum safe temperature.
OTP 2	A digital temperature limit controller mounted in the front panel. Displays its temperature reading and can be set by the user to protect their load from exceeding their desired temperature. If the furnace temperature exceeds the temperature set on the over-temperature protection controller, the furnace will be prevented from heating until the user resets the over-temperature protection controller, by pressing a button.



An example of the standard E5CC Temperature Controller and OTP 2 (Over-Temp. Protection). 'ALM' flashes on the display when over temperature.

<u>7 Day Timer</u> +£290

A timer can be fitted to the turn on the controller at a specific time. The controller will then run at its last setting. Featuring: Daily and weekly program, Manual override, Fully automatic daylight saving time.



Chimney

Highly recommend for any process giving off vapour, fumes or carbon. Fitted at the rear. They can also provide occasional access for thermocouples* etc. (*Prices on Page 2.*)

Natural Convection Chimney - Air is drawn through chamber, out through a ceramic tube and up the stainless-steel chimney casing by natural convection.

Fan-assisted Chimney - A greater amount of air is drawn through chamber, out through a ceramic tube and up the stainless-steel chimney casing. Air is forced up the chimney casing by a fan blower at the base, increasing the air draw.

A suitable fume extraction system or fume cupboard is also required. The cross section of the chimney casing is up to 80x60mm. If using a small extraction hood or tube directly above the chimney, we recommend a few inches of space are left to allow a mixture of ambient air and chimney air to be drawing into the extractor. Also consider some fumes may escape around the door or if it is opened while hot. If the chimney is no longer needed, it can be blocked with suitable high temperature insulation wool (a small amount is supplied).





Cable Entry Port +£180

A 15mm inside diameter ceramic tube at the rear into the chamber for putting in thermocouples* or other sensor cables.

Suitable high temperature rated material is provided to block the Entry Port. Flanges and objects passing through the Entry Port may get hot and conduct heat outside the chamber. Excessive thermal loading or insufficient insulation in the entry port can have a negative effect on thermal uniformity in the chamber. Ceramic dimensions may vary slightly.

*Thermocouples and metal objects must be suitably earthed and should be fitted by a suitably qualified person.

Accessible Thermocouple Connections +£60

We can fit accessible thermocouple connections (at the rear) to save time with regular calibrations.

Consisting of inline miniature size thermocouple connectors. For use by a suitably qualified person, allowing direct electrical injection onto the instrument(s) sensor input. Units with OTP 2 will have connections for both systems when this option is ordered.



Calibration of Furnace Systems

UKAS calibration of instrument(s) and thermocouple(s), as a system, at your choice of temperature(s) between 300 and 1100°C. A calibration certificate is issued reporting the tested system's measurement at each temperature. This calibration will be carried out in our laboratory prior to fitting into the furnace. The typical lead-time is 4 - 10 working days. Fast turn-around may be available at additional cost. We can also provide on-site calibration and thermal surveys at additional cost.

No. of Specified Temperature Points	Control System Only	Control & OTP 2 Systems
1	£190	£230
2	£240	£280
3	£275	£315
4	£295	£335
5	£330	£370

<u>Trays</u>

Metal trays are available for all models, manufactured from stainless steel with a maximum temperature of 1100°C.

Note that these trays are liable to thermal distortion and degradation under the maximum temperature and so are considered a consumable item. Lower heating rates and temperatures will result in less distortion and slower aging.



For Model	Dimensions (WxDxH)	AML Stock Code	Price
SNOL 3/1100 LHM01	105 x 180 x 10 mm	FCESNOL3/1100TRAY	£40
SNOL 8.2/1100 LHM01	180 x 280 x 10 mm	FCESNOL8/1100TRAY	£60
SNOL 13/1100 LHM01	210 x 330 x 10 mm	FCESNOL13/1100TRAY	£70
SNOL 22/1100 LHM01	250 x 450 x 10 mm	FCESNOL22/1100TRAY	£80
SNOL 39/1100 LHM01	290 x 470 x 10 mm	FCESNOL39/1100TRAY	£90

Other options

The range is also available with stainless steel exterior (pictured). The lead time is typically 6 - 8 week and the price of the unit and some options are higher. Please contact us for a quote.

We may be able to assist with other bespoke requirements, please contact us for further details.

Whilst most models are normally available from UK stock for fast delivery, options normally take longer, <1 week for most, but up to 2 weeks for some. Please contact us for a quote with current lead-times.





We manufacture enhanced versions of these furnaces meeting AMS 2750G and Nadcap compliant. Complete with calibration, under our ISO 17025 (UKAS) accreditation, and thermally surveyed before leaving our factory. With thermal uniformity Furnace Class 3, or better, and Instrumentation Types up to 'A'.



We offer higher temperature models, for use up to 1300°C. Our stock SNOL 10/1300 LHM01 includes over-temperature protection and chimney as standard.

Delivery & Shipping

These units are shipped as a palletised wooden crate, on a courier service which is normally next-day for much of the UK.

Destination	Price	Typical Transit Time
UK Mainland (England, Wales, Scottish Lowlands)	£85	1-2 days
UK Scottish Highlands & most UK costal islands	£120	1-3 days
UK Northern Ireland & Republic of Ireland	£120	1-3 days
Other destinations	Please	e contact us for a quote.
Collection from our factory (Derbyshire, UK)	£30 (W	eekdays, by arrangement.)

Further Specification

	3/1100	8.2/1100	13/1100	22/1100	39/1100
Heating Time : (To 1100°C, no load, no options. Approx.)	45min	50min	50min	55min	55min
Height with Door Open :	650mm	800mm	900mm	1000mm	1200mm
Ceramic Tile Dimensions :	175x110mm	260x175mm	300x210mm	490x260mm	490x300mm
Base Unit Weight :	18kg	28kg	38kg	58kg	75kg
Packaged Transport Weight :	27kg	36kg	54kg	83kg	118kg

Cooling Rate Example: SNOL 13/1100 without chimney

Time, Hours	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0
Temp., °C	1100	840	680	540	480	400	340	290	250	210	180
Rate, °C/hour	-	520	320	280	120	160	120	100	80	80	60
Rate, °C/min	-	8.7	5.4	4.7	2	2.7	2	1.7	1.4	1.4	1



The default E5CC controller can have a ramp rate set at a specific rate per hour, which applies to both heating and cooling. By request (when ordering) the settings can be unlinked, so the cooling ramp rate can be set differently from the heating rate. Note that the control of cooling is only to limit the rate at which it falls, it cannot increase the speed beyond its natural rate.

Operation & Preparation Notes

- Heating is stopped whilst the door is opened (for safety).
- Before first use of the new furnace a 'burn-off' procedure must be performed which takes 5-8 hours to cure the fibre insulation.
- The low thermal mass insulation fibre of the muffle chamber provides excellent energy efficiently, but it can be worn away if repeatedly rubbed by abrasive items or dented by pointed objects or excessive force. The ceramic hearth tile is intended to stay in the chamber to protect the base against wear. So it shouldn't be regularly slid in and out like a tray, as this may wear the fibre.

After Sales Service & Warranty

AML Instruments has been stocking and selling the SNOL range since 2008. We hold UK stock of a wide range of spares and accessories and can offer service and repairs at our factory if required at a later date. On-site service and basic repairs may be available subject to location and the nature of the repair. We also offer a range of on-site calibration services, see our website or contact us for more details.

Each unit has a 1 year return to base warranty from the date of purchase from AML Instruments and covers normal use of the unit in accordance with its instruction manual. It does not cover excessive 'wear and tear' to the soft fibre muffle or damage caused by careless use of the spring assisted door.

On receipt of the unit it is important to check for any transport damage and report it to AML Instruments and note it on the carrier's paperwork. It is recommended to keep the original wooden packaging in case the unit ever needs returning.

Under the warranty any manufacturing defects will be rectified by AML Instruments as the agent of the manufacturer at no charge. 'Return to base' means the customer is responsible for return of the unit to AML Instruments site (Lincolnshire, UK) for assessment with a view to repairing under warranty. Or, if necessary, we can provide collection at a cost, provided the unit is suitably packaged. For any work performed that is solely covered by the warranty AML Instruments will provide return shipment of the unit within the UK and Republic of Ireland at no charge. Whilst AML Instruments stocks a range of spares and aims to resolve any warranty repairs quickly, typically within 3 - 8 working days, the warranty does not guarantee this or any provision of a loan unit while the customer's unit is with us.

