

Table showing maximum and minimum flow and pressure values supplied by PulmoWaves 2 and combined with dispenser with PEP ring nut adjusted in the 5 available positions connector holes

Ring nut of PEP connector regulator	Max flow regulator		Min flow regulator	
Hole diameter	Flow val.	Pressure val.	Flow val.	Pressure val.
Ø 2	7.5 l/min	7 mbar	1.2 l/min	2 mbar
Ø3	6.4 l/min	6 mbar	1.1 l/min	1 mbar
Ø 4	3.9 l/min	3 mbar	1.0 l/min	0 mbar
Ø 5	3.3 l/min	2 mbar	0.8 l/min	0 mbar
Ø 6	3.2 l/min	1 mbar	0.6 l/min	0 mbar

Technical specifications

Compressor				
Power supply/power	230 V~ 140 VA			
Frequency	50Hz			
Fuse	1x T2AL 250V			
Noise (at 1 m)	55 dB(A) (approx.)			



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Nebulizer device				
Power source	12 V 			
Nebulisation ml/min ⁽¹⁾	0.32 ml/min'			
MMAD ⁽²⁾	4.26 µm			
Breathable fraction <5µm ⁽²⁾	51.7 % (approx.)			
Medication tray capacity	8 ml			
¹¹ Data collected according to Flaem internal procedure 129-P07.5. ⁽²⁾ Data calculated on the basis of the values obtai- ned with the Malvern Spraytec and compared with the values of the tests performed at the University of Parma.				

Appliance dimensions	22 (L) x 11 (P) x 23 (H) cm	
Weight	2.200 Kg	
Bag size	27 (L) x 17 (P) x 25 (H) cm	

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Medical device for removing tracheobronchial secretions







An integrated solution for removal of tracheobronchial secretions

Respiratory physiotherapy technology

Accumulation of secretions in certain parts re-expansion of scarcely ventilated areas of the human respiratory system can take place for different reasons.

surgery operations may require prolonged anaesthesia and force the patient to a long period of reduced mobility, thus conditioning its psychophysical recovery.

The reduced mobility of thorax and abdomen reduces the amplitude of breathing and, subsequently, oxygen supply and, increase or stagnate. Particularly debilitated patients often cannot cough properly to remove secretions.

In other cases, patients suffer from serious production of secretions or mucociliary clearance anomalies. Examples include related complications.

The treatment of airways for the removal of secretions, that is respiratory physiotherapy, can be executed with different pneumatic devices available on the market. which generally modify the patient's expirpressure or the volume of the air expired.

The positive expiratory pressure (PEP) mask is definitely widespread, in particular for the treatment of patients suffering from As stated above, the solutions available on chronic bronchial obstruction (COPD).

Essentially, the PEP mask can be positioned on the face in order to enclose mouth and nose and is endowed with a one-way valve and an adjustable resistance which intercepts the expiratory output of the valve. Breathing with PEP allows the creation of a positive endobronchial pressure during the expiratory phase.

The effect of the positive pressure is to maintain the airways open for a longer period during the expiration phase, thus preventing bronchial collapse in areas with unstable and damaged walls. Therefore, temporary increase in pressure facilitates ventilation in most peripheral lung areas, or not ventilated at all, and mobilisation of secretions from peripheral areas towards the centre of the bronchi.

For example, some thorax or abdominal In addition, there are many devices available on the market that exploit the same functional principle as PEP masks; in particular, they create a positive pressure during the expiratory phase for about two-thirds of the phase itself, thus allowing the patient to terminate expiration spontaneously, that is at atmospheric pressure. Basically, it is composed of a mouthpiece at the same time, it causes secretions to with PEP function, but it is also equipped with a resistance than can be timely

adjusted in terms of oscillatory mode. The resistance that obstructs patient expiration in an oscillatory way, determines the pathologies which cause an excessive creation of an oscillatory positive expiratory pressure in the relevant airways, ranging between 10 and 20 cmH₂O, which faciliciliary dyskinesia or cystic fibrosis with all tates the separation of mucus from bronchial walls.

> Variations in positive expiratory pressure are slow, that is they have a reduced frequency below 15 Hz.

Another device is composed by an air compressor connected to a facial mask configured to accelerate the air expired by atory phase, in particular regulating the the patient, that is to increase air flow durina

> expiratory phase, with the aim of creating a vacuum in airways to facilitate secretion separation.

the market generally operate during the patient's expiratory phase, exploiting only one phase of breathing.



It is a system composed of a pneumatic In order to prevent airways becoming dry compressor, a jet nebuliser and a dispenser during treatment, the flow inhaled by the with a PEP device. patient also draws saline solution nebulized The operation is based on the generation and produced by the jet nebulizer. The system features a 5-position adjustable PEP device for the management of the expiration phase; the intensity of flow can be measured by the digital pressure gauge on the device console.

of vibrations by the pneumatic compressor that is automatically activated by the patient's inspiratory action. These vibrations, whose amplitude is adjustable via the flow regulator on the device console, enable the removal of mucus obstructions that clog the PulmoWaves 2 can also be used without the nebuliser. airways.

