

How To Balance Your Centrifuge

This quick guide shows you the do's and don'ts of balancing your centrifuge. If centrifuges are not balanced correctly then the damage caused can be **expensive** and **dangerous**. Spinning at up to 10,000 RPM, imagine a helicopter trying to take-off with a brick on one of the blades!!! The helicopter shaft will bend, break and then crash!!! The same principle applies to your centrifuge. **Unbalanced Tubes Will Bend The Motor Shaft.**



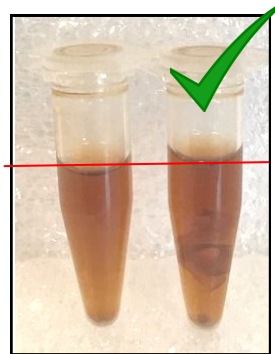
All Tube Holders Must Be In Place!



Never Run The Centrifuge with A Missing Tube Holder!



Balance Opposite, Use All 4 Slots When Required



Microcentrifuge Tubes



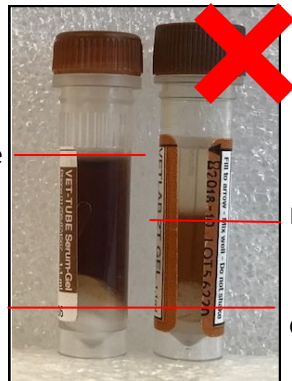
Unbalanced!

About The Tubes...The Same TYPE of tube must be used at all times. For example, if your sample is in a GEL tube, then the balancing tube must also be in a GEL tube. If your tube is NON-GEL, then the balancing tube must also be NON-GEL. Balancing is about the combined **WEIGHT** of the tube and sample. A GEL tube will add weight even if the liquid fill is the same. **IMPORTANT - your centrifuge must be placed on a level, stable surface.**



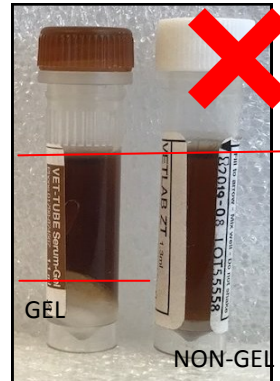
Fill Line

GEL



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NON-GEL

REMEMBER

BLOOD TUBES

GEL, with GEL

NON-GEL, with NON-GEL

MICROHAEMATOCRIT TUBES (PCV'S)

Capillary Tubes do not need to be balanced.

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