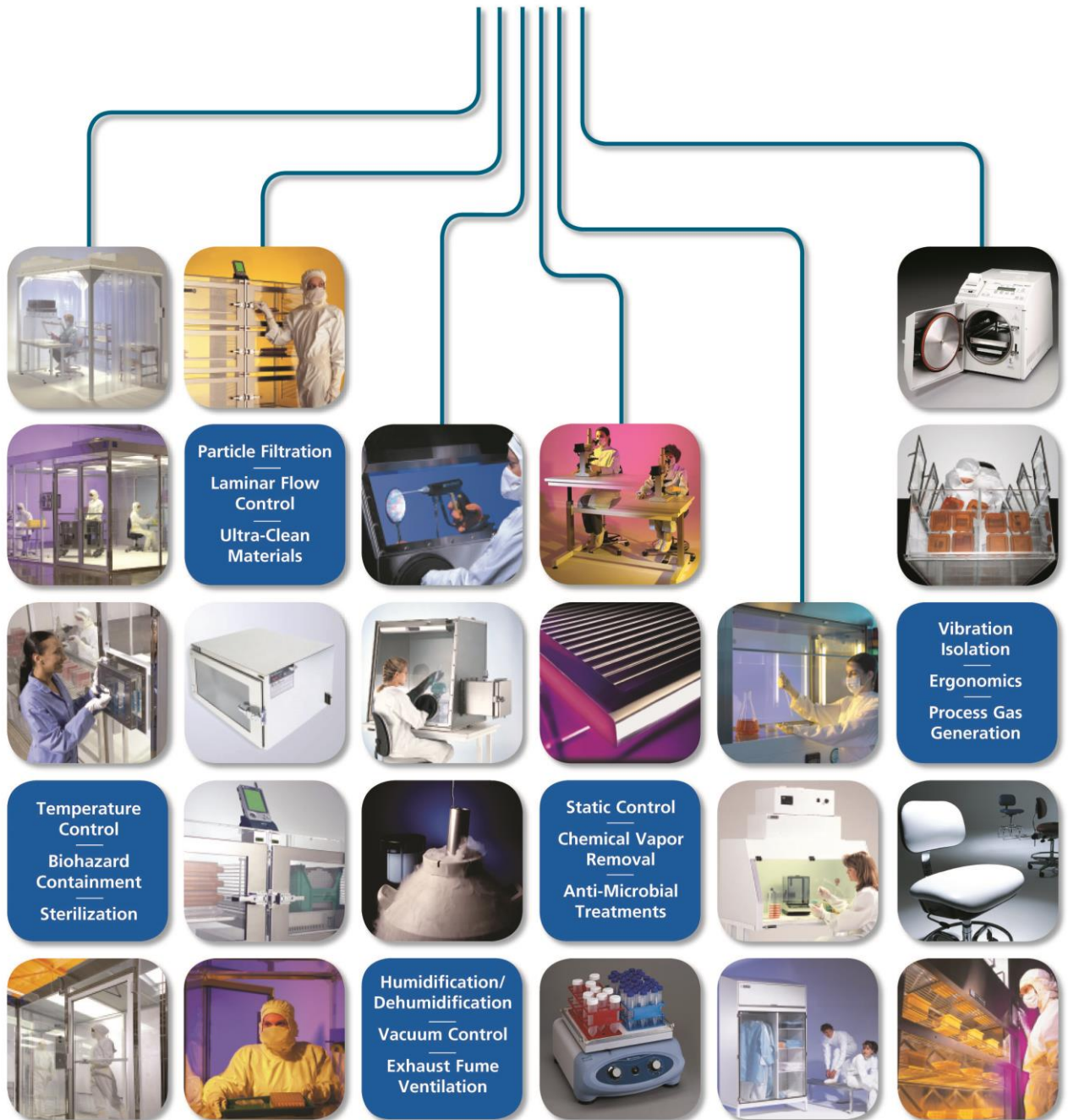


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Plastic Storage Cabinets (HEPA Filtered)

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Cautions are used when failure to observe instructions could result in significant damage to equipment.



WARNING

Warnings are used when failure to observe instructions or precautions could result in injury or death.

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1.0 Description

Terra's Plastic Storage Cabinets are designed to provide a clean storage space within a cleanroom environment. An optional fan/filter unit can be installed on top of the cabinet for continuous vertical laminar flow of HEPA-filtered air over sensitive parts or materials. The polypropylene construction and static-dissipative PVC windows are non-shedding and chemical-resistant, ensuring a particle-free, easy-to-clean environment that meets the strictest cleanliness requirements.

The 16" by 24" fan/filter unit (FFU) includes a 470 CFM impeller blower (average flow at 90 FPM with filter load) mounted in a powder-coated steel housing with a plenum design that optimizes uniform air velocity across the entire face of the filter. A HEPA (high efficiency particulate air) filter installed inside the housing is rated 99.99% efficient at 0.3um particles. The filtration medium consists of micro porous polyurethane mini pleats held in place by strong, rigid plastic separators that keep the medium from nesting. This design channels airflow with optimal efficiency to reduce resistance. The filter is sealed within an aluminum frame with a fire-retardant, non-outgassing adhesive.



Figure 1. Plastic Storage Cabinet shown without stand

When the FFU is running, the force generated by the fan pulls air into the upper FFU housing through a MERV 7 pre-filter that protects the blower motor and impeller from dust and debris. The air is then forced through the HEPA filter and into the storage cabinet, creating a negative pressure environment within the FFU housing that keeps particles trapped within the filters.

The fan/filter unit includes a 10' power cable for connection to a 120V (or 220V, if specified) power source. The FFU has three speed settings: Low, Medium and High. For normal operation, Terra recommends leaving the FFU at the Medium speed setting,



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which will supply airflow of approximately 90 FPM. As the HEPA filter becomes saturated, the speed can be increased to the High setting to achieve the necessary 90 FPM for ISO 5 classification.

2.0 Components and Controls

2.1 Plastic Storage Cabinet (Equipped with Fan/Filter Unit)

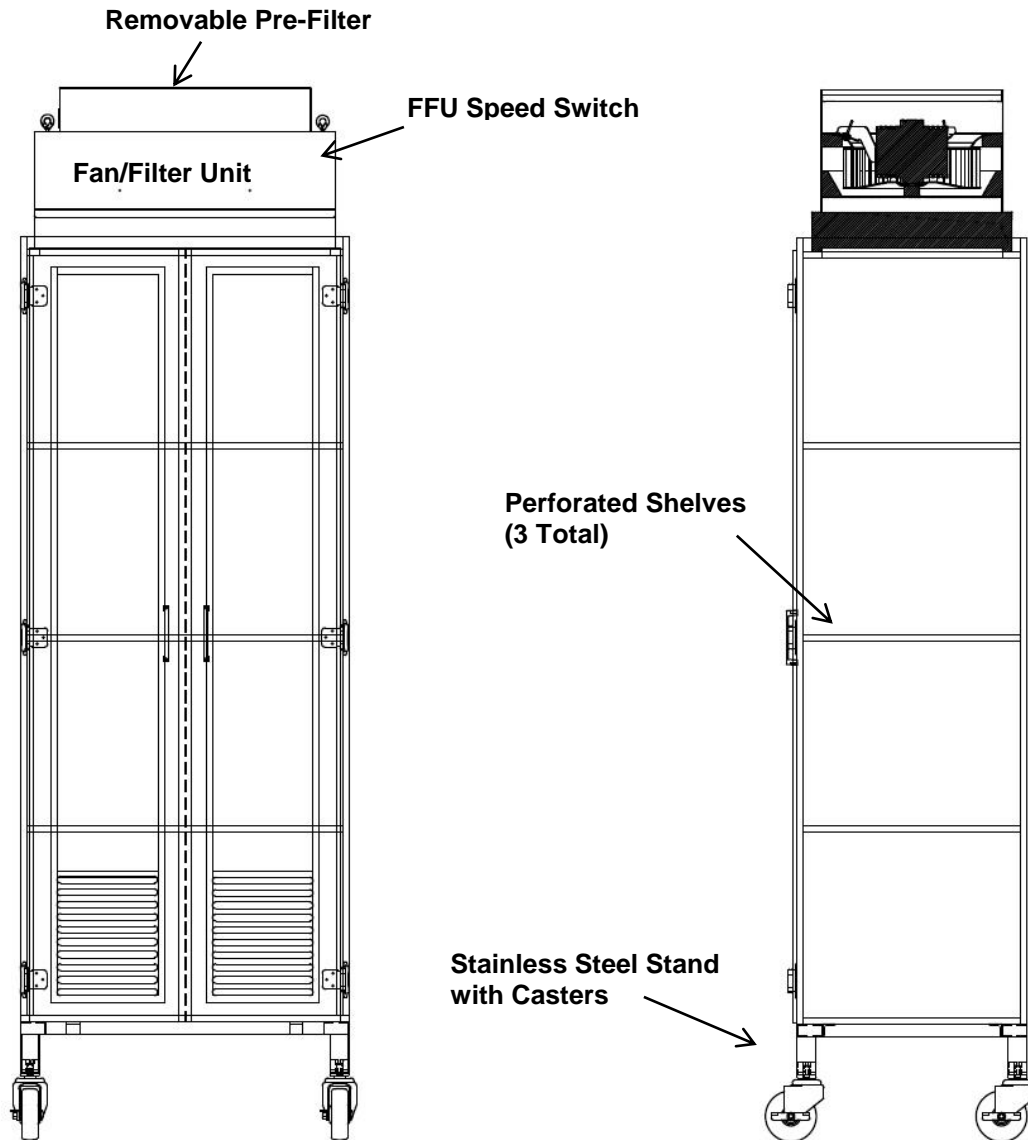


Figure 2. Front View

Figure 3. Side View



The cabinet doors include gaskets that form a seal when the doors are closed. When the fan/filter unit operates at higher speeds, pressure may build within the cabinet and airflow may leak past this gasket. This is normal and will not affect the performance of the cabinet.

3.0 Installation

3.1 Unpacking

The Plastic Storage Cabinet and fan/filter unit are shipped as a single unit. Uncrate all components and remove all packaging materials, checking to make sure that there is no visible damage incurred during shipment. If damage is found, contact the freight company to file a damage claim immediately.

When inspecting the unit, verify the following:

1. There are not visible gaps between the fan/filter unit and the opening in the top of the cabinet
2. Open each cabinet door and ensure that the self-closing hinge brings the door back to the closed position
3. Check that the cabinet is positioned correctly on its stand and that the casters roll freely and lock/unlock

If the unit will be used within a cleanroom, prepare the cabinet for transfer into the cleanroom according to your facility's protocols, cleaning both the interior and exterior of the cabinet prior to entry. See **Section 5.1 Cleaning** for general guidelines.

3.2 Setup



When selecting the installation location, ensure that there is at least 13" of open space above the fan/filter unit to ensure adequate air supply.

1. Unlock the brakes on the casters
2. Maneuver the cabinet into position, taking care not to pinch the power cable or obstruct the pre-filter on top of the fan/filter unit
3. Lock the brakes on the casters to keep the cabinet from rolling
4. Set the FFU speed switch to Medium
5. Connect the power cable to the 120V electrical source (or 220V, where applicable)
6. Verify that the fan/filter unit is operating and that the air speed exceeds roughly 90 feet per minute
7. Clean the interior of the unit (see **Section 5.1 Cleaning**)
8. Allow the fan/filter unit to operate with cabinet doors closed for at least 10 minutes before using the cabinet

Securing the Cabinet



Cabinets taller than 30"H must be secured against a wall to prevent tipping.

Contact your local professional contractor for assistance anchoring the cabinet (hardware not included). Or consult your facility's safety codes to determine the best anchoring method for your particular location and installation.

3.3 Testing and Validation



After completing the **Section 3.2 Initial Setup**, validation may be performed by a third-party testing service for HEPA filter integrity (leak-testing), Air Changes per Hour and particle counter measurements to verify ISO 5 particle levels. Third-party testing should take place within the intended cleanroom or another controlled environment to ensure an accurate evaluation of its performance.

4.0 Operating Procedures

4.1 General Operation

After completing **Section 3.2 Setup** and **Section 3.3 Testing and Validation** (if applicable), the unit will continuously operate and maintain an ISO 5 storage environment.

Users should keep the following guidelines in mind when using the cabinet:

- Be sure not to obstruct the supply-side of the fan/filter unit or the exhaust vents on the cabinet doors
- Coil or otherwise secure the power cable to avoid tripping or accidentally tugging the cable from the outlet
- Keep cabinet doors closed unless transferring contents, after which the doors should be closed promptly
- Do not overload any individual shelf so as to block more than 50% of the perforations



CAUTION

Always check to make sure the system is disconnected from the wall outlet before moving the cabinet.

5.0 Maintenance Procedures

5.1 Cleaning



CAUTION

Always check chemical compatibility before cleaning plastic surfaces. Although polypropylene and static-dissipative PVC withstand exposure to a wide range of common cleaning agents, repeated exposure to strong chemicals can cause damage.

Polypropylene and static-dissipative PVC are chemical-resistant and compatible with most mild, non-abrasive cleaning agents with the exception of strong acids, strong bases and strong oxidizers. For heavy-duty cleaning agents or decontamination protocols, check chemical compatibility with the door gasket and other materials before use. Stainless steel and other metal components may be cleaned with isopropyl alcohol.

Use a clean, non-shedding cloth (polyester wipers are recommended) and wipe surfaces in slow, unidirectional motions, folding the soiled surface of the cloth portion to trap contaminant's after each pass. Avoid circular motions when cleaning. Use only light pressure when cleaning. If the outside surface is exceptionally dirty or gritty, lightly swab the surface with a saturated cloth and allow the surfactants to drain away. Avoid rubbing dirt or grit into the surface. Turn the cloth often and replace with a clean cloth frequently. Dry the surface by blotting gently with a clean, dry cloth.



5.2 Filter Replacement



When handling the FFU and HEPA filter, only handle the HEPA filter by the edges. Pressing on the face of the HEPA filter may cause irreversible damage to the filter, leading to particle leaks.

The pre-filter on top of the cabinet should be replaced periodically depending on the environment and materials that the pre-filter is exposed to during daily operations.

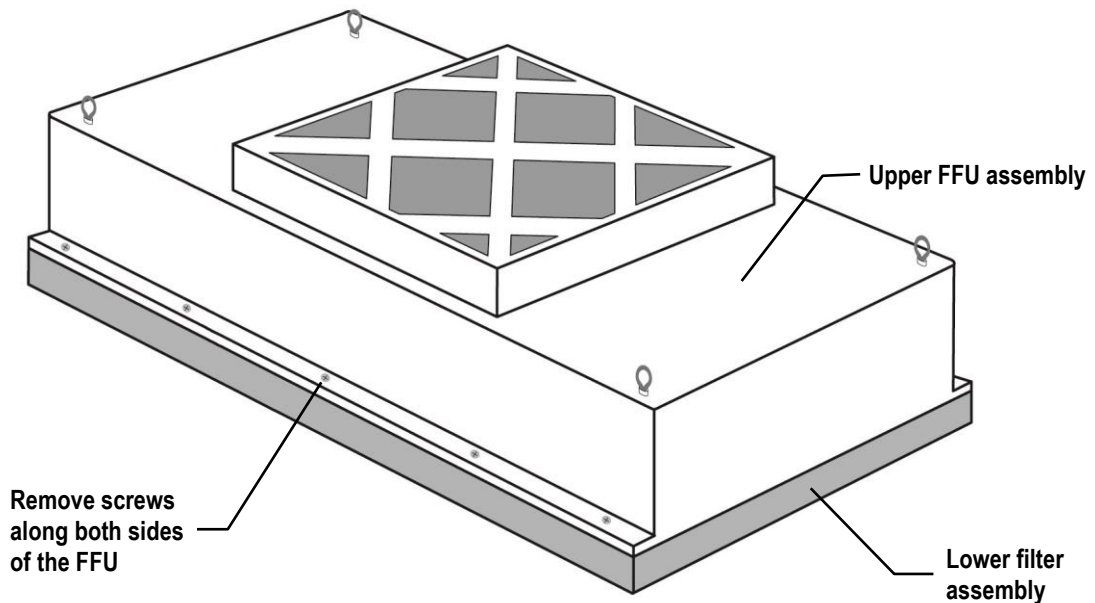
Replacement Pre-filter: #PA06388

The HEPA filter installed inside the FFU cannot be cleaned and will typically last for years depending on the particle levels in the surrounding environment. When the unit is used in an ISO-classified environment, the HEPA filter will often perform sufficiently for a much longer period of time.

However, if air speed is significantly reduced or the HEPA filter fails to pass certification by an independent certifier, the HEPA filter may need to be replaced. Be sure to verify the proper operation of all other components in the system before attempting to replace the HEPA filter.

Replacement HEPA Filter: #6601-40

1. Disconnect the FFU power cable from the power source
2. Remove the screws attaching the upper FFU assembly to the lower filter assembly (see diagram below).
3. Lift the upper FFU assembly out of the FFU housing and remove the lower filter assembly.
4. Replace the lower filter assembly, only handling the filter by the aluminum edges.
5. Reassemble the FFU housing by reversing the steps for disassembly.





6.0 Specifications

Plastic Storage Cabinet (with Stainless Steel Stand)	
Dimensions	23.75"W x 18"D x 82.5"H
Shelves	(3) fixed-height; 24.75"W x 16.5"D
Construction/Materials	Polypropylene, white Static-Dissipative PVC (doors)
Casters	4"-diameter, non-marring, locking

Fan/Filter Unit (AC Motor)	
Dimensions	24"W x 16"D x 12.6"H
Power Requirements	120V, 4.3A, 516W, 60Hz, 1Ph
Filter	HEPA, 99.99% efficient for particles 3 microns or greater
Sound Level	Approx. 49 dBA
Weight	Approx. 34 lbs.

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