Kelvinox™

Dilution refrigerators to suit all applications
Which Kelvinox is right for you?

When choosing a Kelvinox system, there are technical parameters that you need to consider in order to achieve the desired instrumentation for your research.

The Kelvinox range was first introduced in 1988, designed for seamless integration into magnetic and cryogenic environments. This high-performance range has since established itself as an industry leader thanks to a combination of build quality, value and a high level of automation. The Kelvinox range has been continually updated and enhanced, with a fully automatic and oil-free gas handling system and the Kelvinox MX multiple experiment range which provides new levels of flexibility and modularity.

Oxford Instruments has used its expertise in cryogenics to ensure that our systems offer unrivalled versatility and ease-of-use to the research community.

There are four products to choose from in the Kelvinox family:

- **Kelvinox MX**
  - Multi-experiment or multi-user experimental access

- **Kelvinox 400HA**
  - High access for complex experimental services

- **Kelvinox JT**
  - Neutron or x-ray scattering experiments
  - No liquid helium in horizontal sample path

- **Kelvinox TLM**
  - Quick turnaround time and multi-user access
  - Sample in liquid
**Base temperature**
The base temperature is measured in vacuum at the base of the mixing chamber (except for our sample-in-liquid systems).

**Cooling power**
Cooling powers are quoted at 100 mK to allow comparison between the thermodynamic performances of different dilution refrigerators. The cooling power for Kelvinox systems ranges from 15 μW to ≥ 400 μW at 100 mK.

**Sample environment**
In the case of the Kelvinox MX, Kelvinox VT / JT and Kelvinox 400HA, the sample is mounted in vacuum directly onto the mixing chamber and cooled by conduction. In the Kelvinox TLM, the sample is directly immersed in liquid in the mixing chamber and is cooled by conduction through the liquid.

**Patented technology**
Oxford Instruments holds a number of key patents in dilution refrigerator design. These patents cover the Kelvinox TLM integral probe and the fast sample change capability and the modularity and flexibility of the Kelvinox MX range.

**Designed for key applications**
The extensive range of electrical and sample access options allow applications such as fractional quantum Hall effect, soft X-ray detection or quantum computing studies. The versatility of sample environments, whether in liquid or vacuum, enables techniques requiring large heat load dissipation, such as microwave excitation or solid state NMR, to be performed under the optimum thermodynamic conditions. Our products are designed to suit the most demanding applications.

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The KelvinoxMX uniquely separates the cooling platform from the experimental services. This offers:

- Flexibility to change experimental configurations and thermodynamic performances if needed
- Multiple users to carry out different configured experiments, with minimum downtime
- Access to different applications by selecting the appropriate experimental insert
- Simple diagnostics: experimental wiring and set-up can be easily tested
- Full automation: all inserts are supplied with a gas handling system enabling automation of the insert cool down

Components

The KelvinoxMX is made up from three main components:

- **Primary insert**: provides a 50 mm line-of-sight access into which a range of interchangeable experimental inserts can be fitted. 1.5 K cooling is provided by continuous flow of $^3$He through the innovative stretched 1 K condenser design which minimises microphonic noise generation. Rapid experimental turnaround times are enabled by a sliding seal permitting safe removal and replacement of the dilution refrigerator, while minimising helium loss.

- **Dilution unit**: there are two choices of dilution unit (see table).

- **Experimental insert**
  - **Basic**: fitted with a 6 mm line-of-sight access to the inner vacuum can (IVC).
  - **High frequency**: equipped with semi-rigid and flexible co-axial lines. Ideal for high frequency applications (<20 GHz). It is also fitted with a 24-wire loom to the mixing chamber position.
  - **Rotator**: this insert is fitted with similar services to the High Frequency model. A rotating mechanism, Swedish rotator (manual or automated) is also supplied.
  - **Versatile**: this is an ideal platform to customise your own experiment. Experimental access is provided by a 15 mm diameter line of sight port to the mixing chamber and 3 x 8 mm diameter line of sight ports to the IVC. These are terminated at room temperature by NW25/16 flanges.
  - **Dipper insert**: this adapts the versatile insert and allows it to be cooled independently of a KelvinoxMX by immersing it directly in liquid helium either in a transport dewar or in an Integra™ system dewar.

Cooling power plotted as a function of base temperature for KelvinoxMX models

The KelvinoxMX is covered by US Patent No. 6758059.
Ideal for applications requiring high cooling power and enhanced experimental access such as quantum computing

Achieves more than 400 μW of cooling power ideal for demanding experiments with high heat dissipation such as microwave cavity losses

Less than 7 mK stable base temperature: ideal for low temperature demagnetisation experiments

Additional line-of-sight access ports enabling a range of services to the IVC and sample space, for the most demanding applications

**Improved experimental access**

Inserts are provided with a wide range of access ports:

- Line-of-sight to mixing chamber: 3 x 38 mm line of sight access from room temperature to the mixing chamber through cutouts in the 1 K and still flanges inside the IVC. These are ideal for drive rods, mechanisms such as Swedish rotators or installation of waveguide or semi-rigid co-axial cables

- Spare ports - 4 x 12.7 mm diameter from the 4 K helium bath to the IVC. These have de-mountable soldered caps. Matching ports are ideal for a 4 K thermal anchoring of low temperature electronics

**Combined low temperature and magnetic field sample environment**

The KelvinoxMX, Kelvinox400HA, KelvinoxJT and KelvinoxTLM can be integrated into complete cryomagnetic systems. Magnet options provide fields from 8 T at 4.2 K to 21 T at 2.2 K, field homogeneity of 0.1% over a 10 mm diameter spherical volume and 52 mm bore.

**Solution to helium rising costs:**

All Kelvinox inserts are compatible with the Integra™AC recondensing liquid helium cryostat. This product has been developed to significantly reduce the consumption of liquid helium by recondensing helium gas evaporated within the system, which would otherwise be vented from the cryostat. This decreases the frequency of helium refills. Cryogenic systems can be kept cold continuously, even when in stand by mode, leading to greater freedom to schedule experimental time.
Kelvinox JT

- Ideal for neutron or X-ray scattering applications: no liquid in the horizontal sample path; no 1K pot
- Wide temperature range: the temperature can be controlled between 25 mK and 300 K by appropriate use of exchange gas
- Quick cooldown time: these compact inserts can be cooled down to base temperature in around three hours from loading

Kelvinox JT

- No need for VTI, requires 4 K bath only!
- Can use helium bath or Pulse tube Refrigerator
- Replaces any Heliox VL insert and extends the temperature range by one order of magnitude
- Dry low power gas handling
- J-T 3He recondensing stage

Effect of lowering a probe into the mixing chamber. The temperature on the condensing stage is shown to rise as the probe is inserted and an additional heat load is created at the 1 K pot. However the mixture remains at constant temperature throughout the loading process minimising the cooldown and re-circulation interval. Once fully loaded and in position the sample cools to base temperature in about 6 hours.

Cryofree® options:

Oxford Instruments also offers the most extensive range of cryofree dilution refrigerators. Contact your local sales representative to get more information.

Automated and control of your dilution refrigerator using an oil-free gas handling system

The system computer comes with ready-installed software for fully automatic operation and remote control:

- Filling and controlling the 1 K pot
- Mixture condensation
- Mixture circulation
- Automated cooling to base temperature from 4 K
- Control to a set temperature
- Control and monitoring of valves, pressures, temperatures and heaters
- Single shot operation
- Leak test mode
Kelvinox TLM

Top loading

- High performance with a base temperature of less than 15 mK and cooling power of more than 400 μW
- Top loading of the sample directly into the He/He mixing chamber ensures good sample thermalisation, high stability of the thermal environment and guarantee of operation in high magnetic field
- Multi-service, multi-user access: unique design which can be used with a range of sample probes such as a Swedish rotator or high frequency coaxial lines
- Quick and easy sample change: no need to remove the mixture during sample change, giving quicker experiment turnaround times and reducing the risk of leaks
- Non-metallic sample environment – ideal for experiments such as solid state NMR when removing metallic material surrounding the pickup coil resonant circuit is key to accurate measurements. Typically, field sweeps of up to 2 T/min leave the temperature of the mixture unaffected

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By choosing Oxford Instruments as the supplier of your next dilution refrigerator system, not only are you getting a reliable product but also access to a service support team.

**This includes:**

- Our team of more than ten expert service engineers have more than 100 years experience based on the successful installation of hundreds of magnet and low temperature systems
- Local service support by engineers in UK, Germany, USA, China, Japan or India
- Bespoke Cryospares service
  (Visit our eShop: www.cryospares.com)

**ServiceWise extended warranty**

Oxford Instruments offers a standard 12-month warranty on all products. You can also upgrade this cover and purchase extended warranty. Warranty covers parts, labour, return from the factory and third-party items and on-site service if required. We can also loan control electronics and pumps, subject to availability.

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