

# Product datasheet (en)

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Name:

leXsolar-BioFuel Ready-to-go

Item number:

1703

Youtube link:

Area of application:

Dimensions (cm x cm x cm)

Chemistry
Technology Training
Chemical and Environmental Engineering
Renewable Energies

64x37x16,5

Weight (kg):

User group:

Basic Training
Highschool / Secondary School
Middle School / Junior High School
Industrial Customers

**Key facts:** 

Production of biofuel displayed in experiments for students Interdisciplinary experiments for chemistry, physics and biology Includes an Ethanol-fuel cell for the generation of electrical energy out of biofuel

All additional devices already included - usable without laboratory equipment



#### List of components:

1 x 1100-23 Potentiometer module 1 x 1100-27 Motor module without gear 1 x 1700-01 leXsolar ethanol fuel cell module 1 x 1702-01 Plug with hose 1 x 1702-02 Yeast 1 x 1700-02 Chain clamp 1 x 1703-01 Koffer 1703 2 x L2-06-011 Digital multimeter 2 x L2-06-012 Test lead black 25 cm 2 x L2-06-013 Test lead red 25 cm 4 x L2-02-016 Bumpon transparent 5,0 mm height X 11,1mm diameter 1 x L2-02-017 Propeller 1 x L2-06-016 Laboratory thermometer 1 x L2-06-070 Distilling head, 2 cores 75°, NS 19/26 1 x L2-06-071 Condenser 1 x L2-06-072 Alcoholmeter 1 x L2-06-075 Erlenmeyer flask 1000 ml 1 x L2-06-076 Airlock 1 x L2-06-077 Rubber stopper 1 x L2-06-079 Areometer 1 x L2-06-082 Beaker 250 ml 3 x L2-06-083 Test tubes 1 x L2-06-084 Grip stopper 3 x L2-06-085 Pasteuer pipette 1 x L2-06-086 Measuring cylinder 100ml 1 x L2-06-087 Syringe 2ml 1 x L2-06-110 Silicone ring 1 x L3-03-016 leXsolar-CD 1 x L3-01-107 Insert BioFuel Rtg 1703 1 x L2-06-114 Bunsen burner 1 x L2-06-116 Universal stand clamp 1 x L2-06-119 Stand rod 60cm, M10 2 x L2-06-120 Double clamp 1 x L2-06-118 Stand base plate

1 x L3-03-175 Einräumplan 1703 BioFuel Ready-to-go

## **Extras needed:**

No extras needed, all included.

Extras available:

No extras available.

**Description:** 



The entire process of producing biofuel is demonstrated with leXsolar-Biofuel Ready-togo in the form of student experiments. The suitcase contains all necessary parts and components and can be used from any location.

The first step is resource selection and fermentation. The resulting mash is then distilled with the custom-built leXsolar-condensor and the resulting ethanol will be characterized. Lastly, the produced bio fuel needs to be converted into usable energy for example into electricity with the provided ethanol fuel cell.

leXsolar-BioFuel Ready-to-go does not only cover bio ethanol production but also the generation of biodiesel through transesterification of fats.

#### **Experiments:**

# Part 1: Biodiesel production

Transesterification from fat to Biodiesel (FAME)
Determination of fat parameters
Extraction of fats from foods and oil plants

#### Part 2: Alcohol fermentation

Production of a mash/ alcoholic fermentation Fermentation of different sugar types (including catalytic splitting of starch) Proof of fermentation gases

# Part 3: Distillation and production of Bioethanol

Distillation of mash
Characteristics of the produced Ethanol

# Part 4: Ethanol fuels

Introduction Ethanol fuel cell
I-V curve of Ethanol fuel cells
Dependency of Ethanol fuel cells on concentration and temperature
Energy balance of the whole process

## **Specifications of components**

1100-23 Potentiometer module:

Plug-in module with adjustable resistance

Resistance continuously adjustable: 0 - 1.1 kOhm

Maximum current: 1A

Module contains two potentiometers connected in seris (1  $\times$  100 Ohm and 1  $\times$  1 kOhm) Allows an exact adjustment of the resistance while having a large resistance range

Layout: plug-in module with 4mm jacks Grid-dimension of the jacks: 70mm

Module size: 85mmx85mm

1100-27 Motor module without gear:



Plug-in module with DC-motor

Initial current: 20 mA Initial voltage: 0.35 V

Equipped with automatic fuse protecting from overvoltage

Layout: plug-in module with 4 mm jacks Grid-dimension of the jacks: 70 mm

Module size: 85 mm x 85 mm

#### 1700-01 leXsolar ethanol fuel cell module:

Ethanol fuel cell for conversion of chemical energy into electrical energy Stack of two fuel cells with separately contactable single fuel cells

For ethanol solution with concentration up to 20%

Recommended ethanol concentration for continuous operation 10%

Open circuit voltage Voc = 1 V (double cell)

Maximum short circuit current lsc = 40 mA

Maximum peak power R = 10mW

Maximum peak power P = 10mW

Approx. continuous power P = 2mW (at least 2 min.)

#### 1702-01 Plug with hose:

'Stopper (PE) for Erlenmeyer flask L2-06-075 pierced with PE-tube

Joint: ST/NS 29/32

To be used for detection of carbon dioxide

#### 1702-02 Yeast:

Yeast for producing ethanol solutions up to 18% in 48 hours contains nutrient salt

1700-02 Chain clamp:

## L2-06-011 Digital multimeter:

TÜV/GS-approved Pocket size mini Multimeter.

#### L2-06-012 Test lead black 25 cm:

The black test lead is used for the electrical connection of the modules. The cable is directly plugged into the base plate or alternatively directly into the plug connection of the modules. The cables have two different colors to distinguish between the positive and the negative pole. The black cables are plugged into the negative pole.

#### L2-06-013 Test lead red 25 cm:

The red test lead is used for the electrical connection of the modules. The cable is directly plugged into the base plate or alternatively directly into the plug connection of the modules. The cables have two different colors to distinguish between the positive and the negative pole. The red cables are plugged into the positive pole.

L2-02-016 Bumpon transparent 5,0 mm height X 11,1mm diameter:

#### L2-02-017 Propeller:

#### L2-06-016 Laboratory thermometer:

Alcohol laboratory thermometer with red liquid. White occupied capillaries, amber stain graduation, Length according to ISO 305



mm, 6mm Ø, with suspension eye, packed in a protective plastic holder, measurement range: -10..+ 110°C, graduation: 1°C

L2-06-070 Distilling head, 2 cores 75°, NS 19/26:

Fractionating column with 2 joints NS 29/32 and GL14 fitting for thermometer L2-06-016

L2-06-071 Condenser:

Condenser for destillation of ethanol

Joint: NS 29/32 for Erlenmeyer flask L2-06-075

No need for cooling water circuit

Destillation of approx. 750ml with one cooling water charge possible

L2-06-072 Alcoholmeter:

Alcoholometer for measuring the concenctration of ethanol solutions

For concentration of 30 - 90 vol.%

L2-06-075 Erlenmeyer flask 1000 ml:

Erlenmeyer flask 1000 ml with joint NS 29/32

**Borosilicate glass** 

L2-06-076 Airlock:

Airlock for fermentation

Together with stopper L2-06-077 to be used with erlenmeyer flask L2-06-075

L2-06-077 Rubber stopper:

Rubber stopper for NS 29/32 with hole for air lock L2-06-076

L2-06-079 Areometer:

Areometer for measuring the sugar content of water sugar solutions

Density range 0 ... 300 g/L

L2-06-082 Beaker 250 ml:

Borosilicate beaker 250ml

L2-06-083 Test tubes:

Test tubes 160x60

L2-06-084 Grip stopper:

Grip stopper for test tube L2-06-083

L2-06-085 Pasteuer pipette:

Plastics pasteuer pipette

L2-06-086 Measuring cylinder 100ml:

Measuring cylinder 100 ml (PE)

L2-06-087 Syringe 2ml:

L2-06-110 Silicone ring:

L3-03-016 leXsolar-CD:

The leXsolar-CD covers all student and teacher manuals's as pdf- and word-file. If you



need manual's as printed version, you can order them separately.
L3-01-107 Insert BioFuel Rtg 1703:
L2-06-114 Bunsen burner:
L2-06-116 Universal stand clamp:
L2-06-119 Stand rod 60cm, M10:
L2-06-120 Double clamp:
L2-06-118 Stand base plate:
Specifications extras needed:
No extras needed, all inclusive.
Specifications extras available:
No extras available.