



MIXER MILL MM 500 NANO

Comfortable production of particles in the nanometer range

MORE THAN AN ALTERNATIVE TO A PLANETARY BALL MILL

The mixer mill MM 500 nano is a compact, versatile bench-top unit which has been developed specially for dry, wet and cryogenic grinding of up to 2 x 45 ml sample material within seconds. With a maximum frequency of 35 Hz, it generates enough energy to produce particles in the nanometer range.

The robust high-performance drive makes the mill suitable for long-term grinding processes up to 99 hours and thus very interesting for research and mechanochemistry.

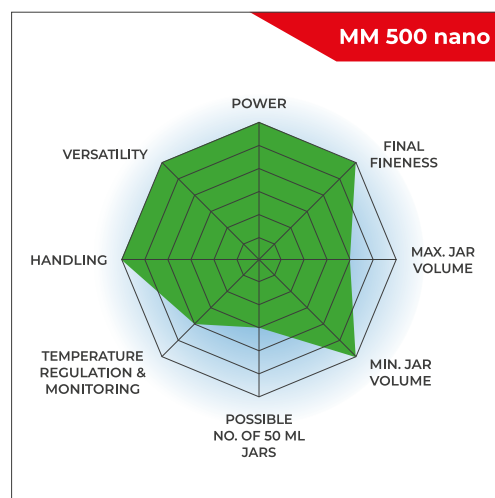
Hence, the MM 500 nano is a unique mixer mill in the market to provide a real alternative to grinding in a planetary ball mill – with more comfortable handling and less warming effects.



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HIGH SPEED BALL MILLING WITH EASY OPERATION FOR BEST RESULTS

- | Max. speed 35 Hz
- | Horizontal oscillation causes strong impact effects for effective sample processing
- | Up to 10 mm feed size and 0.1 µm final fineness
- | 2 grinding stations for jars of min. 2 ml and max. 125 ml, adapter for 18 x 2 ml single use vials
- | Steel jars can be precooled manually in liquid nitrogen
- | GrindControl to measure temperature and pressure inside the jar.
- | Aeration lids to control the atmosphere inside the jar
- | Bench top model, touch screen, easy jar clamping, jars can stay clamped for subsampling, storable SOPs and cycle programs, 4 different jar materials for dry and wet grinding



ADVANTAGES THROUGH DESIGN

- | Very easy, comfortable clamping and handling of the grinding jars, which are pressure-tight up to 5 bar
- | Jars can stay clamped while taking a sub-sample or visual checks of fineness
- | Ergonomic design with touch display for easy parameter setting
- | 12 SOPs & 4 program cycles with up to 99 repeats to facilitate routine applications

FLEXIBILITY

- | Equally suited for rapid pulverization <2 min and long-term grinding up to 99 hours
- | Use one large grinding ball in the High Impact mode or several smaller balls in the High Friction mode
- | Use the MM 500 nano for routine sample preparation applications, for nano-grinding or for research applications such as mechanochemistry and mechanical alloying

MECHANOCEMISTRY IN THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION OF ACTIVE PHARMACEUTICAL INGREDIENTS WITH MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY

Discover how mechanochemical methods can contribute to the production of active pharmaceutical ingredients—with higher atomic efficiency, fewer byproducts, and a significantly reduced environmental footprint.

Mechanochemistry opens up new avenues for more sustainable chemical synthesis: By utilizing mechanical energy, reactions can be carried out in the solid state—often with no solvents at all or only minimal use of solvents. This reduces waste, lowers energy consumption, and simultaneously improves process efficiency.

Vibrating mills such as the MM 500 nano enable precise control of grinding parameters and are particularly suitable for fast, efficient syntheses on a laboratory scale. For more demanding applications requiring higher energies, the planetary ball mill PM 100 offers optimal conditions for carrying out even complex reactions in a targeted manner.

Take a look!



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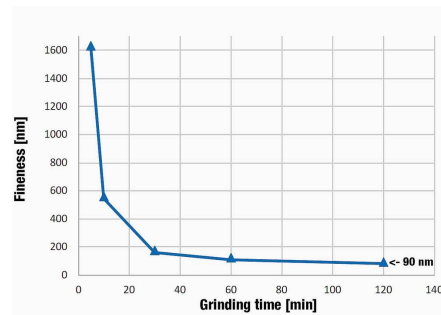
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GRIND SIZES IN THE NANOMETER RANGE

- | New jar design allows for optimized usage of jar volume also for wet grinding
- | Final fineness < 100 nm possible thanks to maximized energy input at 35 Hz
- | Less warming effects, thus grinding can usually be done without grinding breaks for cooling down

Result: You get your nano sample within the shortest time.

NANO-GRINDING OF TITANIUM DIOXIDE WITHOUT COOLING BREAKS



Nano grinding of 25 g titanium dioxide in a 125 ml grinding jar zirconium oxide with 275 g balls 0.1 mm, 30 ml 1% NaPO₄ solution. A particle size of 90 nm was achieved after 120 minutes of grinding.

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ACCESSORIES FOR MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY



GRINDING JARS IN 3 DIFFERENT MATERIALS

Available grinding jar sizes are 50 ml, 80 ml and 125 ml, materials include stainless steel, tungsten carbide and zirconium oxide, ensuring contamination-free sample preparation.



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AERATION LID (VIDEO)

RETSCH offers a special aeration lid for the grinding jars designed for applications where a special atmosphere is to be maintained in the ball mill jar.



GRINDCONTROL

The GrindControl measures temperature and pressure inside the jar. The system includes a sensor and transmission unit as well as an analysis software.

MULTI-CAVITY JARS & ADAPTER

Simultaneous processing of several small samples is possible with the multi-cavity jars and an adapter for reaction vials. This is a typical requirement, for example, for pharmaceutical, chemical and biochemical applications. The small cavity jars provide new opportunities for mechanochemical research activities involving small amounts of chemicals. The cavities in the jars have an oval shape which ensures effective mixing. The pouring aids allow for safe sample handling.

The adapter accommodates up to 18 disposable reaction vials of 1.5 or 2.0 ml (e.g. Eppendorf vials) or nine 2.0 ml steel tubes. With its two grinding stations, the MM 500 nano mixer mill can now process up to 36 samples in one working run. 2.0 ml steel tubes should be used, if samples need to be frozen or heated, as polymeric reaction vessels cannot withstand mechanical load at extreme temperatures.



Multi-cavity jars of 4 x 10 ml and 2 x 25 ml, made of stainless steel, incl. PTFE pouring aids.



Adapter for 18 x 2 ml safe-lock reaction vials or 9 x 2 ml steel tubes, made of aluminum

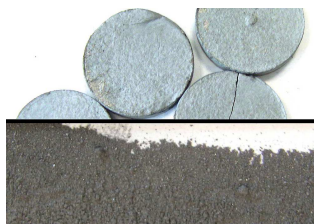
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TYPICAL SAMPLE MATERIALS

RETSCH mixer mills are true allrounders. They homogenize, for example: alloys, animal feed, bones, ceramics, chemical products, coal, coke, drugs, electronic scrap, glass, grains, hair, minerals, oil seeds, ores, paper, plant materials, plastics, sewage sludge, soils, straw, tablets, textiles, tissue, tobacco, waste samples, wood, wool, etc.



titanium oxide
wet grinding



metal alloy
dry grinding



hair
dry grinding

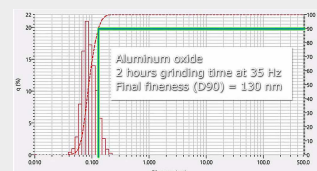


tyre rubber
cryogenic grinding

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NANO GRINDING OF ALUMINUM OXIDE IN THE MM 500 NANO

Narrow particle size distribution of aluminium oxide after grinding (Nano grinding of 30 g aluminum oxide in a 125 ml grinding jar zirconium oxide with 275 g balls 0.1 mm, 33 ml 0.5% NaPO₄ solution)



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FUNCTIONAL PRINCIPLE

The grinding jars of the mixer mill MM 500 nano perform radial oscillations in a horizontal position. The inertia of the grinding balls causes them to impact with high energy on the sample material at the rounded ends of the grinding jars and pulverize it. Also, the movement of the grinding jars combined with the movement of the balls result in the intensive mixing of the sample. The degree of mixing can be increased even further by using several smaller balls.



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TECHNICAL DATA

Applications	mechanochemistry, mechanical alloying, size reduction, mixing, homogenization, cryogenic grinding
Field of application	agriculture, biology, chemistry / plastics, construction materials, engineering / electronics, environment / recycling, food, geology / metallurgy, glass / ceramics, medicine / pharmaceuticals
Feed material	hard, medium-hard, soft, brittle, elastic, fibrous
Size reduction principle	impact, friction
Material feed size*	≤ 10 mm
Final fineness*	~ 0.1 µm
Batch size / feed quantity*	max. 2 x 45 ml
No. of grinding stations	2
Vibrational frequency	3 - 35 Hz (180 - 2100 min ⁻¹)
Typical mean grinding time	30 s - 2 min
Dry grinding	yes
Wet grinding	yes
Cryogenic grinding	yes
Cell disruption with reaction vials	no
Type of grinding jars	screw-lock jar with integrated safety closure devices, multi cavity jar, adapter for safe-lock reaction vials
Material of grinding tools	hardened steel, stainless steel, tungsten carbide, zirconium oxide
Grinding jar sizes	10 ml / 25 ml / 50 ml / 80 ml / 125 ml
Setting of grinding time	digital, 10 s - 8 h
Total grinding time	99 h
Storable SOPs	12
Number of storable cycle programs	4 (with 99 repeats)
Electrical supply data	100-120 V, 50/60 Hz; 200-230 V, 50/60Hz
Power connection	1-phase
Protection code	IP 30
Power consumption	750 W
W x H x D closed	690 x 375 x 585 mm
Net weight	~ 60 kg
Standards	CE

*depending on feed material and instrument configuration/settings

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ORDER DATA

MIXER MILL MM 500 NANO

Mixer Mill MM 500 nano with quick release clamp
(please order grinding jars and balls separately)

20.765.0003  MM 500 nano 200–230 V, 50/60 Hz

20.765.0004  MM 500 nano 100–120 V, 50/60 Hz

SCREW-LOCK GRINDING JARS MM 500 CONTROL/NANO

HARDENED STEEL

01.462.0463  50 ml

01.462.0468  80 ml

01.462.0470  125 ml

STAINLESS STEEL

01.462.0447  50 ml

01.462.0467  80 ml

01.462.0420  125 ml

TUNGSTEN CARBIDE

01.462.0466  50 ml

01.462.0479



80 ml

ZIRCONIUM OXIDE

01.462.0464



50 ml

01.462.0417



80 ml

01.462.0471



125 ml

MULTI CAVITY GRINDING JARS MM 500 CONTROL/NANO

01.462.0537



4 x 10 ml, 1.4112 stainless steel, incl. 3 pouring aids

22.462.0014



Pouring aid for 10 ml Multi cavity jar

01.462.0536



2 x 25 ml, 1.4112 stainless steel, incl. 1 pouring aid

22.462.0015



Pouring aid for 25 ml Multi cavity jar

ACCESSORIES FOR GRINDING IN 1.5 OR 2 ML VIALS

22.008.0012



Adapter made of aluminum for 18 x 2.0 ml / 1.5 ml Safe-lock reaction vials or 9 x 2.0 ml reaction vials made of stainless steel 316L

22.749.0001



Safe-lock reaction vials 2.0 ml, 1000 pcs.

22.749.0002



Safe-lock reaction vials 1.5 ml, 1000 pcs.

22.749.0008



Reaction vials made of stainless steel 316L, 2.0 ml, 10 pcs.

ACCESSORIES FOR GRINDING UNDER INERT ATMOSPHERE

AERATION LID FOR SCREW-LOCK GRINDING JARS

incl. o-rings and sintered filter (please order lid insert and grinding jar separately)

22.107.0638	Aeration lid for screw-lock grinding jars 50ml
22.107.0639	Aeration lid for screw-lock grinding jars 80ml
22.107.0640	Aeration lid for screw-lock grinding jars 125ml

LID INSERT FOR SCREW-LOCK GRINDING JARS

03.474.0258	Aeration lid insert for screw-lock grinding jars 50ml, stainless steel
03.107.0570	Aeration lid insert for screw-lock grinding jars 50ml, zirconium oxide
03.474.0131	Aeration lid insert for screw-lock grinding jars 50ml, tungsten carbide
03.474.0259	Aeration lid insert for screw-lock grinding jars 80ml, stainless steel
03.474.0166	Aeration lid insert for screw-lock grinding jars 80ml, zirconium oxide
03.474.0167	Aeration lid insert for screw-lock grinding jars 80ml, tungsten carbide
03.474.0260	Aeration lid insert for screw-lock grinding jars 125ml, stainless steel
03.107.0565	Aeration lid insert for screw-lock grinding jars 125ml, zirconium oxide

ACCESSORIES FOR AERATION LIDS FOR SCREW-LOCK GRINDING JARS

05.114.0057		O-ring for screw-lock grinding jars 50 ml, 1 piece
05.114.0158		O-ring for screw-lock grinding jars 80 ml, 1 piece
05.114.0122		O-ring for screw-lock grinding jars 125 ml, 1 piece
22.186.0007		Sintered filter with O-ring, set of 10 pieces
22.864.0001		Valve set M8x1 for GrindControl and aeration lids

ACCESSORIES FOR GRINDING JARS MM 500 CONTROL/NANO

22.486.0006	Grinding jar stabilization pad
02.486.0050	Jar wrench for grinding jars

05.114.0057



O-ring for grinding jars 50 ml, 1 piece

05.114.0158 O-ring for grinding jars 80 ml, 1 piece

05.114.0122



O-ring for grinding jars 125 ml, 1 piece

ACCESSORIES FOR COLD GRINDING MM 500 CONTROL/NANO

22.354.0003 Cryo kit for cooling the grinding jars with liquid nitrogen (incl. insulated container 4-liter, 2 grinding jar holders, 1 pair of safety glasses)

ACCESSORIES MM 500 CONTROL/NANO

05.114.0197 O-ring PTFE for grinding jars 50 ml, 1 piece, for cryogenic grinding

05.114.0196 O-ring PTFE for grinding jars 80 ml, 1 piece, for cryogenic grinding

05.114.0195 O-ring PTFE for grinding jars 125 ml, 1 piece, for cryogenic grinding

05.114.0207 O-ring for multi cavity jars, 4 x 10 ml, 1 piece

05.114.0208 O-ring for multi cavity jars, 2 x 25 ml, 1 piece

05.114.0212 O-ring for multi cavity jars, 4 x 10 ml, 1 piece, for cryogenic grinding

05.114.0213 O-ring for multi cavity jars, 2 x 25 ml, 1 piece, for cryogenic grinding

99.200.0034 IQ/OQ Documentation for MM 500 nano

PRESSURE AND TEMPERATURE MEASURING SYSTEM GRINDCONTROL FOR MIXER MILLS

incl. sensors and transmitter unit, case, opening aid and cleaning accessories for MM 500 control / nano / Emax (please order lid insert and grinding jar separately)

22.782.0032 GrindControl for MM 500 control/nano/Emax grinding jar 125 ml

03.474.0242 GrindControl lid insert for MM 500 control/nano and Emax grinding jar 125 ml, stainless steel

03.474.0245 GrindControl lid insert for MM 500 control/nano and Emax grinding jar 125 ml, zirconium oxide

ACCESSORIES FOR MM 500 CONTROL/NANO GRINDCONTROL

05.114.0122  O-ring for 125 ml grinding jars (MM 500 control/nano and Emax)

22.186.0007 Sintered filter with O-ring, set of 10 pieces

22.864.0001  Valve set M8x1 for GrindControl and aeration lids

GRINDING BALLS

HARDENED STEEL

05.368.0029  5 mm Ø

05.368.0030  7 mm Ø

05.368.0059  10 mm Ø

05.368.0032  12 mm Ø

05.368.0108  15 mm Ø

05.368.0033  20 mm Ø

STAINLESS STEEL

22.455.0010  2 mm Ø, 500 g (approx. 110 ml)

22.455.0011  3 mm Ø, 500 g (approx. 120 ml)

22.455.0002  3 mm Ø, 200 pieces (approx. 6 ml)

22.455.0003  5 mm Ø, 200 pieces (approx. 25 ml)

05.368.0034 5 mm Ø



05.368.0035 7 mm Ø



05.368.0063 10 mm Ø



05.368.0037 12 mm Ø



05.368.0109 15 mm Ø



05.368.0062 20 mm Ø



05.368.0105 25 mm Ø



TUNGSTEN CARBIDE

05.368.0038 5 mm Ø



05.368.0039 7 mm Ø



05.368.0071 10 mm Ø



05.368.0041 12 mm Ø



05.368.0110 15 mm Ø



05.368.0070 20 mm Ø



ZIRCONIUM OXIDE

32.368.0005 0.1 mm Ø, 0.5 kg (approx. 135 ml)



32.368.0003		0.5 mm Ø, 0.5 kg (approx. 135 ml)
32.368.0004		1 mm Ø, 0.5 kg (approx. 135 ml)
05.368.0089		2 mm Ø, 0.5 kg (approx. 135 ml)
05.368.0090		3 mm Ø, 0.5 kg (approx. 140 ml)
22.455.0007		3 mm Ø, 200 pieces (approx. 6 ml)
22.455.0009		5 mm Ø, 200 pieces (approx. 25 ml)
05.368.0146		7 mm Ø
05.368.0094		10 mm Ø
05.368.0096		12 mm Ø
05.368.0113		15 mm Ø