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Gentle aeration

Lab-Line Instruments (Melrose Park, IL) introduces its Hi-Density Fermentor, an aeration device that is efficient, gentle, and eliminates many problems associated with standard batch fermentors. All parts that come into contact with the culture are autoclavable.

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Optical sensor

The MAX Cell Mass Sensor System from Cerex (Ijamsville, MD) uses advanced optics and a patented debubbling system to provide on-line analysis of cell mass in bioreactors. This MAX sensor is the first in a series of optical-based sensors being developed by Cerex for biological process monitoring.

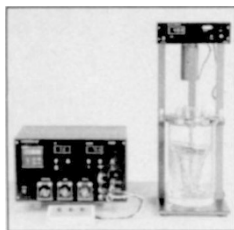
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Flexible volumes

A new range of low-cost, autoclavable fermentors with 1-10 liter working volumes is now available from Electrolab (Gloucestershire, U.K.). The fermentors combine ease of use with sophisticated microprocessor control. The robust reliability of these units is backed up by a two year guarantee.

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Digitized

B. Braun Biotech (Allentown, PA) announces their modular Biostat. The Digital Control Unit provides multi-loop digital control, covers the entire range of vessels, and is FDA validatable. Vessels range from 0.6 to 10 liters in glass, and from 2 liters to production volumes in steel.

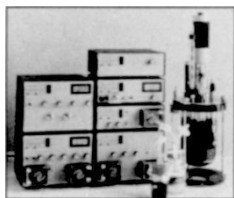
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Speed control

Gallenkamp (Leicestershire, U.K.) launches a new laboratory fermentor designed for microbial applications in research and teaching. The Modular Fermentor can be interfaced with IBM compatible computers, and features a detachable 65W stirrer motor for variable speed control and a sampling device for sterile sampling and inoculation.

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Bioreactor system

A new, adaptable fermentor/bioreactor system for production of secreted products from microbial, plant, or animal cells is available from New Brunswick Scientific (Edison, NJ). The BioFlow 3000 can be converted from a bacterial fermentor to a dedicated cell culture system by selecting the appropriate mode on a keypad screen and substituting the interchangeable vessel.

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Side-by-side

The latest bioreactor system from LSL Biolafitte (Luton, U.K.) can control one or two bioreactors—in the 2-100 liter working volume range—independently yet simultaneously. This has important user benefits in side-by-side trials, automatic seeding of fermentors, and purchasing cost-effectiveness. Vessel configuration is flexible, allowing prokaryotic or eukaryotic culture.

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Clean energy

A 10,000 m³ biogas fermentor is now available from Ekato (Buckshire, U.K.). Heavy fuel oil can be replaced by the biogas formed as a by-product of fermentation. The organic, highly concentrated waste water resulting from the production of organic acids is extensively decomposed during the first, anaerobic treatment stage.

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