

# Nanospider<sup>™</sup> Lab Products NS LAB

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Elmarco's NS LAB provides a robust platform for creating a uniform nanofiber membrane for materials science, technical textile, and membrane research, and for experimental work. This compact, affordable research tool uses the same stationary wire electrode system as found in industrial Nanospider<sup>™</sup> production lines – the established world leader. More compact and affordable than the NS 1S500U, the NS LAB is the second iteration of Elmarco's pioneering series of lab equipment and incorporates years of customer feedback.

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# **RECOMMENDED USES**

# Basic research and development

- High throughput compared to needle based systems
- Designed for experimentation and product development in academic, research and industrial spheres
- All process parameters can be controlled
- Low substrate speed capabilities for thick membrane materials preparation

# Basic application exploration

- Ideal for exploratory research in membrane, air filtration, liquid filtration, medical, and many other areas
- Designed to enable basic materials science exploration such as process parameters and new material development

# **FEATURES**

# Technical data

- Needle-free electrospinning system
- Effective width of nanofiber layer: 250 300 mm
- Run time per batch: 30 80 min
- Volume of solution per batch: 40 ml
- Substrate speed: 0 5000 mm/min
- Spinning voltage: 0 80 kV

# Simple and safe

- Meets all CE requirements
- Safety door locks
- Safety shut off switches
- Integrated substrate unwind / rewind
- Standalone equipment



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# **TECHNICAL DATA**

### EQUIPMENT

Total number of spinning electrodes: 1 Spinning electrode width: 300 mm
Spinning electrode width: 300 mm
Stationary wire electrode system
Integrated unidirectional substrate unwind / rewind
Equipment variables
Spinning voltage: 0 - 80 kV
Substrate speed: 0 - 5000 mm/min
Spinning distance: 120 - 240 mm
Accessories
Standard spinning carriage: 40 ml
Optional small volume spinning carriage: 10 ml
Optional large volume spinning carriage: 80 ml
Optional foundation stand: 700 mm height
Optional cleaning container for carriage
Optional Peripherals

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Humidity and temperature control (AC unit)

#### Consumption

Power: up	to 300 W (	(without pe	ripherals)
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#### Safety/regulation

Meets all CE requirements

#### Dimensions

Width: 1193 mm	Length: 820 mm	Weight: 195 kg
Height: 1276 mm (1976	mm with optional foundati	on stand)

#### SITE

Operating staff required: 1 person
Production premises: 3 m x 3 m space required
Low dust environment required

#### Connections

Voltage supply: adapted for grids in all countries	
Exhaust ventilation connection	
Appropriate treatment of waste air	
Inlet air connection for optional AC unit	
Extinguishing system connection	
External grounding	

### PROCESS

Process	
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Throughput: depends on polymer, substrate, process and fiber diameter
Effective width of nanofiber layer: 250 - 300 mm (depends on process)
Working temperature: 20 - 30 °C
Working humidity: 20 - 40% RH
Polymer filling
Operating mode: batch
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# Cycle times

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	Start-up time: up to 30 min
	Time to refill the polymer solution: up to 5 min
	Run time per batch: 30 - 80 min (depends on polymer / solvent solution)

#### Process example for PA6 polymer

Solution viscosity	170 mPa*s	300 mPa*s
Mean fiber diameter	100 nm +/- 20%	150 nm +/- 13%
Nanofiber layer basis weight	1,1 g/m <sup>2</sup>	2,4 g/m <sup>2</sup>
Nanofiber layer effective width	300 mm	300 mm
Pressure drop (@ 5 m/min)	620 Pa +/- 7%	650 Pa +/- 7%
Total run time per 40 ml batch	75 min	60 min
Conditions: PP antistatic spunbond substrate, 3	0% RH @ 22 °C, substrate s	peed 50 mm/min

#### Maintenance

Regular maintenanc	time: up to 2 hours/month
Cleaning of spinning	chamber after each batch recommended

#### WEB

# Substrate

Max width. 500 mm	
Potential substrates: cellulose, synthetics, fiberglass, foils	

# Polymers

Versatile equipment for soluble polymers

#### Fiber metrics

Controlled fiber diameters: approx. 80 - 700 nm
Fiber diameter deviation: typically +/- 30%
Cross profile and winding direction homogeneity: typically +/- 5%
Note: All fiber metrics depend on polymer, substrate and process

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