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**User Manual**  
**VACUUM 655**  
**Model 115**

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## ***General Information***

This manual provides the necessary information for the installation and operation of the Vacuum 655 unit.

These instructions must be studied before putting the unit into operation.

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The Vacuum 655 unit is designed for use with the Interferential 955 and the Multidyne 965 units.

The Vacuum 655 unit provides a convenient form of electrode application for interferential therapy. The cup electrodes with their sponge inserts are held in place by a partial vacuum. Both the vacuum and the electrical connection to each cup are provided by a single lead.

It is intended that the Vacuum 655 unit is only used by qualified healthcare professionals such as physiotherapists who have received training in electrotherapy.

## ***Record of Amendments***

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1	Initial Issue	14/12/2005
2	Revised Company Name	14/09/2006
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4	EMC Tables added	31/01/2008

## EC Declaration of Conformity

EMS Physio Ltd  
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Declares that the following medical device is in conformity with the essential requirements and provisions of Council Directive 93/42/EEC and is subject to the procedure set out in Annex 2 of Directive 93/42/EEC under the supervision of Notified Body Number 0120, SGS United Kingdom Ltd.

Product Name            Vacuum 655

Model Numbers        115

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Signature

Position                Technical Director

Date                     14 December 2005

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## ***Warranty***

EMS Physio Ltd., (hereinafter called the company) product is warranted against defects in materials and workmanship for a period of two years from the date of shipment. The Company will at its option, repair or replace components which prove to be defective during the warranty period, provided that the repairs or replacements are carried out by the Company or its approved agents.

The Company will consider itself responsible for the effects on safety, reliability and performance of the product:-

only if assembly operations, re-adjustments, modifications or repairs are carried out by persons authorised by it,

only if the product is used in accordance with the instructions for use,

only if the electrical installation of the relevant room complies with the appropriate national requirements.

Should the product be returned to the Company for repair it must be sent carriage paid.

Consumable items, for example, electrodes, electrode covers and batteries, are excluded from the above warranty.

## ***Introduction***

The Vacuum 655 unit provides a convenient form of electrode application for interferential therapy. The cup electrodes with their sponge inserts are held in place by a partial vacuum. Both the vacuum and the electrical connection to each cup are provided by a single lead.

This method of electrode application is particularly suitable when treating relatively flat, smooth areas of the body such as the back where the cups may be attached quickly and easily. Also, this method is useful when treating relatively immobile patients, as the electrodes may be applied with the patient in a comfortable position without having to be moved for the application of velcro bandages.

With the Vacuum 655 unit the vacuum may be set to a convenient and comfortable level with a front panel control.

Connection to an interferential unit is made from the socket on the front of the Vacuum 655 unit, using the link lead provided. Two or four pole electrode applications may be used.

Both the vacuum and electrical connections are switched by the vacuum unit.

A pulsed vacuum mode is provided to further reduce the likelihood of bruising due to the vacuum. Two pulse rates are provided.

## ***Contraindications***

Vacuum electrodes should not be used on elderly patients with thin papery skin leading to contact difficulty and bruising.

Vacuum electrodes are not suitable for patients who are taking steroids because of the likelihood of bruising.

## ***Technical Specification***

### *General*

Power Input	100-240 Vac 50/60 Hz
Classification (EN60601-1)	Class 1, Type BF
Mains Fuses	2 x T630 mA (5 x 20 mm)
Size (height x width x depth)	65 x 210 x 190 mm (excluding water trap)
Weight	1.5 kg
Vacuum	0 – 0.5 bar
Vacuum Modes	Continuous, Pulsed – 1 s period Pulsed – 2 s period

The Vacuum 655 unit is designed to operate from any 50/60 Hz single phase supply between 100 and 240 Vac capable of supplying 70 VA. Connection is via an IEC socket at the rear of the unit.

All information on model, serial number, and month/year of manufacture is located on the rear panel.

Each Vacuum 655 unit is supplied with a detachable mains cable, spare fuses, a set of four 60mm suction cups and suction leads, a link lead for connection to an Interferential 955 or a Multidyne 965 unit and this manual.

The Vacuum 655 unit has been designed to meet the requirements of BS EN 60601-1:1990 (BS5724:Part 1:1989) "Medical Electrical Equipment, Part 1:General requirements for Safety".

### *Environmental Conditions for Transport and Storage*

Temperature	-10 to +35 C
Relative Humidity	5 to 95%
Atmospheric Pressure	500 to 1060 hPa

## ***Accessories***

Catalogue Number	Description
SLA3066	Link Lead to Interferential 955 or Multidyne 965
SLA3067	Link Lead to connect to Medi-Link Interferential
NC3068	Pair of 60mm suction cups (one yellow, one blue)
NC3068A	Pair of sponge inserts for 60mm suction cups
NC3069	Pair of 100mm suction cups (one yellow, one blue)
NC3069A	Pair of sponge inserts for 100mm suction cups
NC3070	Set of 4 suction leads
EMS157	SoLo Treatment Trolley

Supplied with each unit is a detachable mains lead complete suitable for the country to which it is delivered. Replacement or additional mains leads are shown below.

EMS Part Number	Description
6-85	UK mains lead
6-112	European mains lead
6-119	North America mains lead

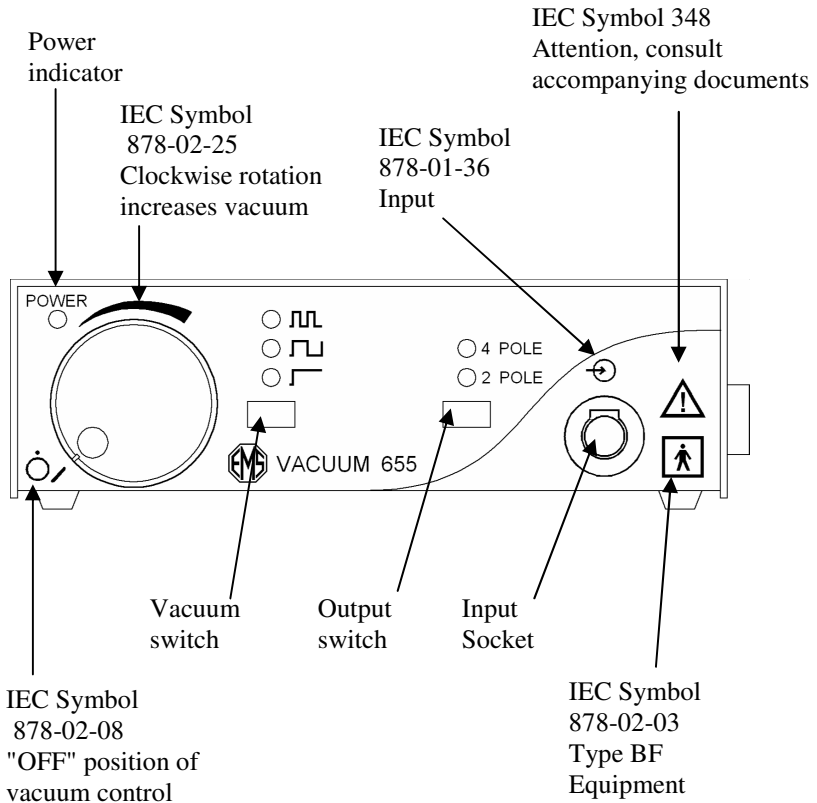
For other countries contact EMS Physio or the agent from whom the unit was purchased.

## ***Environmental***

At the end its life, the Vacuum 655 should not be disposed of as unsorted general waste. Advice on appropriate disposal is available from EMS Physio Ltd.

## Controls and Markings

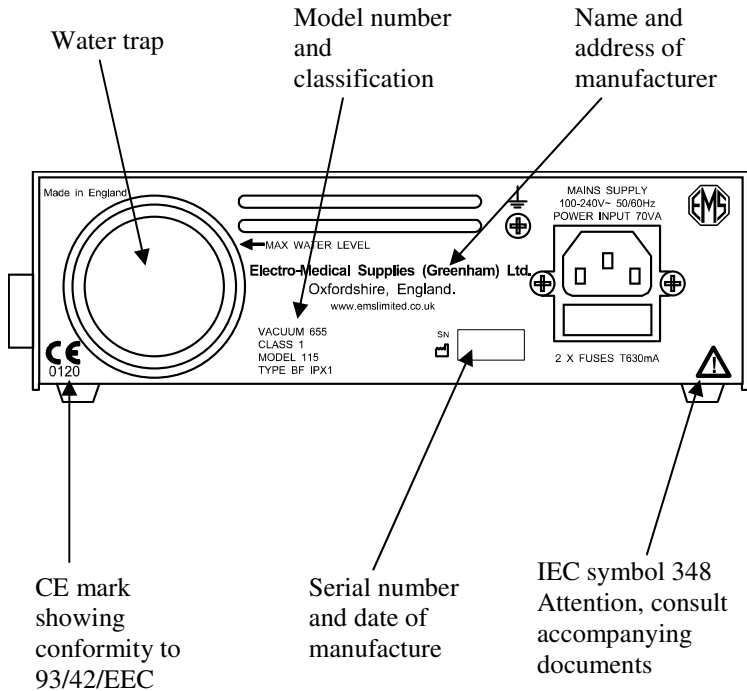
### Vacuum 655 front panel



The indicator lights above the vacuum and output switched show the current selection.

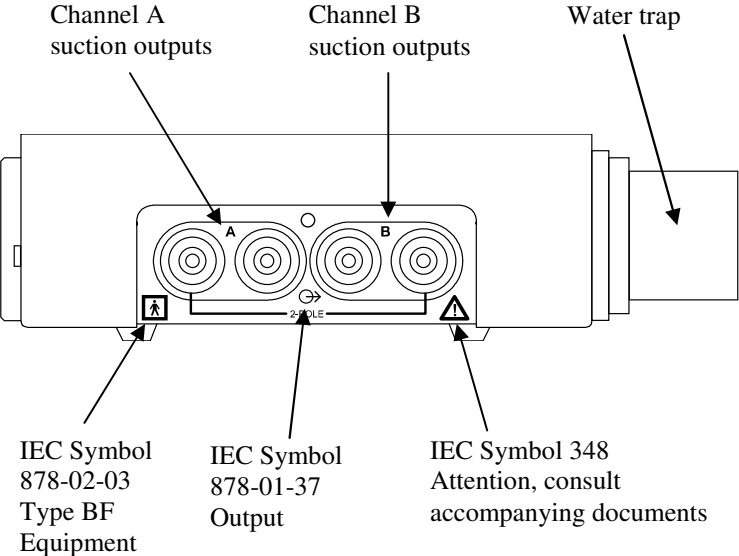
The input socket is for connection to an interferential unit or muscle stimulator.

## Vacuum 655 rear panel

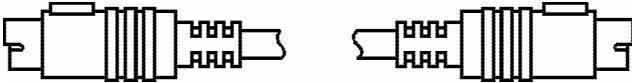


Mains connection is via the IEC socket on the right of the rear panel. Details of the required mains supply are above the connector.

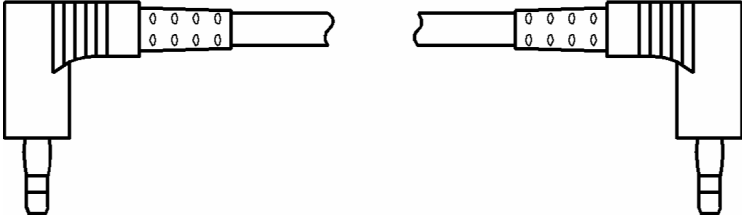
# Vacuum 655 output panel



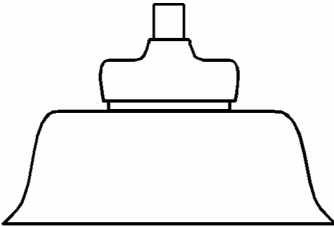
*Vacuum 655 Accessories*



Link Lead (SLA3066)



Suction Lead (2 blue, 2 Yellow NC3070)



Suction Cup (2 blue, 2 Yellow 2xNC3068)

## *Installation*

Upon receipt, check for any visible damage which may have occurred in transit. If any signs of damage are found then retain all packing material and inform the carrier and the Company or its agent from whom the unit was purchased.

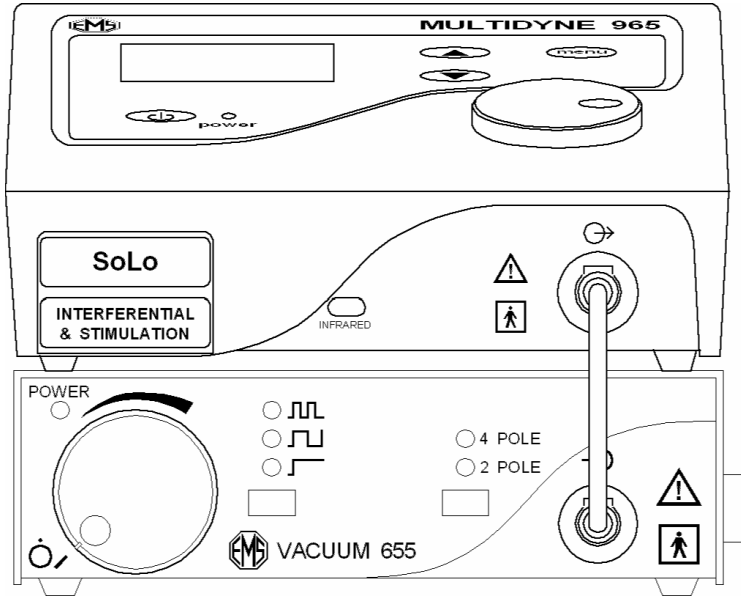
If not already fitted, connect a suitable plug to the mains cable. The plug must have provision for an EARTH (GROUND) connection. The mains cable has the following colour code: BROWN is LIVE (LINE), BLUE is NEUTRAL and GREEN/YELLOW is EARTH.

The Vacuum 655 unit must only be connected to a mains supply with a protective earth conductor. If the integrity of the earth connection is in doubt, do not connect the unit to the mains supply

The Vacuum 655 is shipped without the water trap fitted. Firmly push the water trap into the receptacle on the rear of the unit.

The Vacuum 655 is designed to sit beneath the Multidyne 965 or Interferential 955 unit with which it is being used. The output socket of the stimulator is connected to the input of the vacuum unit with the link lead provided.

The Vacuum 655 unit is supplied with a set of four suction leads and four 60mm suction cups with sponge inserts. Connect one end of each suction lead to the vacuum outlets on the side of the unit. The yellow leads are for channel A and the blue leads for channel B. Insert the other end of each lead into the connector at the rear of the suction cups. The connectors at each end of the suction leads are a simple push fit and provide both vacuum and electrical connection to the cups.



The Vacuum 655 is designed to fit beneath the Multidyne 965 or Interferential 955

## *Operating Instructions*

Connect the mains cable to the IEC socket on the rear of the unit and to a suitable power outlet. The unit will turn on with all the LED indicators on. One by one the LED indicators will turn off to leave only the power indicator, the continuous vacuum LED and the 2 pole LED on. Make sure that the vacuum control is in the off position.

Insert the suction leads into the outlets on the side of the unit and the suction cups as described in the installation section of this manual. Make sure that the Vacuum 655 input is connected to the output socket of the stimulator.

Switch on the stimulator being used with the Vacuum 655 and select the required treatment according to its operating instructions. Do **not** energise the output of the stimulator.

Wet the suction cup sponge inserts with water and squeeze until they are wet but not dripping. In soft water areas it may be necessary to add a small amount of sodium bicarbonate to the water to ensure low contact impedance. Insert the sponges into the cups ready for application to the patient.

Confirm that 2 pole is selected and advance the Vacuum Control to greater than 50%. Attach the 2 pole suction cups (one yellow and one blue) in turn by pressing them firmly on to the patient and waiting for the vacuum to hold them. In areas with body hair it may be necessary to wet the rim of each suction cup to effect a seal between the cup and the skin.

When the 2 pole suction cups have been attached satisfactorily to the patient and if a four-pole treatment is to be used, select 4 pole by pressing the output switch – the 2 pole indicator will be extinguished and the 4 pole indicator will light. Attach the two remaining suction cups in the same way.

The vacuum may now be reduced to a comfortable level using the vacuum control.

Should a pulsed vacuum mode of operation be desired press the vacuum switch. Pressing once selects a one second pulse period and pressing twice will select a two second pulse period as shown by the LED indicator. Pressing the vacuum switch again returns to continuous vacuum. It is advisable to select pulsed operation before reducing the vacuum significantly to prevent the suction cups becoming detached in the low vacuum part of the pulse.

Having successfully applied the suction cups and set the vacuum mode and level, energise the output of the stimulator.

If the suction cups become detached during treatment the stimulator output must be de-energised before attempting to reconnect the cup electrodes. With the Multidyne 965 and Interferential 955 units set to constant current, the output will normally be terminated when the cups become detached and an alarm will sound. In constant voltage modes the output must be reduced to zero manually.

At the end of treatment, return the output control of the stimulator to its off position before removing the suction cups. With the Multidyne 965 and Interferential 955 units the output is automatically set to zero at the end of the treatment time.

To remove the suction cups, return the Vacuum Control to the off position. The cups will detach themselves as the vacuum under the cups is vented to the atmosphere.

Note that the contact areas of the 60 mm and 100 mm suction cups are approximately 25 and 50 cm<sup>2</sup> respectively. The maximum recommended current density is 2 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> and hence the current applied with the suction cups should not exceed 50 mA rms and 100 mA rms respectively. When using interferential therapy units this corresponds to 70 and 140 mA peak for the 60 mm and 100 mm cups respectively.

Excess water from the sponges is captured by the water trap on the rear of the Vacuum 655. It is recommended that the water trap is emptied between treatments. To remove the water trap for emptying, firmly pull it away from the unit.

## *Maintenance*

The suction cups and sponges may be disinfected using a 70% v/v aqueous solution of isopropyl alcohol. They are NOT suitable for steam sterilisation or treatment with disinfectants containing sodium hypochlorite.

N.B. Isopropyl alcohol is flammable and should be kept away from naked flames. Isopropyl alcohol must not be brought into contact with eyes or mouth.

The Vacuum 655 may be cleaned by wiping over with a clean damp cloth. The use of abrasive materials and cleaning solvents should be avoided.

Regularly (at least monthly) inspect the suction leads, cups, cables and connectors for damage.

The Vacuum 655 should be serviced at least annually by qualified personnel.

The mains fuses are located on the rear panel in a compartment below the mains inlet. The compartment cannot be opened unless the mains lead is removed from the IEC socket. Information on fuse type and rating is given on the rear panel of the unit and in the Technical Specification section of this manual.

If the mains fuses continue to blow then EMS qualified Service personnel must be called in.

**There are no user serviceable parts inside the unit and it should not be opened.**

Full servicing instructions are available on request.

## *EMC Tables*

1	<b>Guidance and manufacturers declaration – electromagnetic emissions</b>		
2	The Vacuum 655 is intended for use in the electromagnetic environment specified below. The customer or the user of the 655 should assure that it is used in such an environment.		
3	<b>Emissions Test</b>	<b>Compliance</b>	<b>Electromagnetic environment - guidance</b>
4	RF emissions CISPR 11	Group 1	The 655 uses RF energy only for its internal function. Therefore, its RF emissions are very low and are not likely to cause any interference in nearby electronic equipment.
6	RF emissions CISPR 11	Class A	The 655 is suitable for use in all establishments other than domestic and those directly connected to the public low-voltage power supply network that supplies buildings used for domestic purposes.
7	Harmonic emissions IEC 6100-3-2	not applicable	
8	Voltage fluctuations Flicker emissions IEC 61000-3-3	not applicable	

**Guidance and manufacturers declaration – electromagnetic immunity**


The Vacuum 655 is intended for use in the electromagnetic environment specified below. The customer or the user of the 655 should assure that it is used in such an environment.

<b>Immunity test</b>	<b>IEC 60601 test level</b>	<b>Compliance level</b>	<b>Electromagnetic Environment guidance</b>
Electrostatic discharge (ESD) IEC 61000-4-2	±6 kV contact  ±8 kV air	±6 kV contact  ±8 kV air	Floors should be wood, concrete or ceramic tile. If floors are covered with synthetic material, the relative humidity should be at least 30%.
Electrical fast transient/burst IEC61000-4-4	±2 kV for power supply lines  ±1 kV for input/output lines	±2 kV for power supply lines  ±1 kV for input/output lines	Mains power quality should be that of a typical commercial or hospital environment.
Surge  IEC61000-4-5	±1 kV differential mode  ±2 kV common mode	±1 kV differential mode  ±2 kV common mode	Mains power quality should be that of a typical commercial or hospital environment.
Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations on power supply input lines  IEC 61000-4-11	<5% <i>UT</i> (>95% dip in <i>UT</i> ) For 0,5 cycle 40% <i>UT</i> (60% dip in <i>UT</i> ) For 5 cycles 70% <i>UT</i> (30% dip in <i>UT</i> ) For 25 cycles  <5% <i>UT</i> (>95% dip in <i>UT</i> ) For 5 sec	<5% <i>UT</i> (>95% dip in <i>UT</i> ) For 0,5 cycle 40% <i>UT</i> (60% dip in <i>UT</i> ) For 5 cycles 70% <i>UT</i> (30% dip in <i>UT</i> ) For 25 cycles  <5% <i>UT</i> (>95% dip in <i>UT</i> ) For 5 sec	Mains power quality should be that of a typical commercial or hospital environment. If the user of the 655 requires continued operation during power mains interruptions, it is recommended that the 655 be powered from an uninterruptible power supply or a battery.
Power frequency (50/60 Hz) Magnetic field IEC 61000-4-8	3 A/m	3 A/m	Power frequency magnetic field should be at levels characteristic of a typical location in a typical commercial or hospital environment.

NOTE *UT* is the a.c. mains voltage prior to application of the test level.

**Guidance and manufacturers declaration – Electromagnetic immunity.**

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Immunity Test	IEC 60601 Test level	Compliance level	Electromagnetic Environment Guidance
Conducted RF IEC61000-4-6	3Vrms 150kHz to 80MHz	3V	Portable and mobile RF communications equipment should be used no closer to any part of the Vacuum 655, including cables, than the recommended separation distance calculated from the equation applicable to the frequency of the transmitter.  <b>Recommended separation distance</b> $d=3.5\sqrt{P/V_1}$
Radiated RF IEC61000-4-3	3V/m  80MHz to 2.5GHz	3V/m	$d=3.5\sqrt{P/E_1}$ 80MHz to 800MHz  $d=7\sqrt{P/E_1}$ 800MHz to 2.5GHz where P is the maximum output power rating of the transmitter according to the manufacturer and d is the recommended separation distance in metres (m).  Field strengths from fixed RF transmitters, as determined by an electromagnetic site survey <sup>a</sup> should be less than the compliance level in each frequency range <sup>b</sup> .  Interference may occur in the vicinity of equipment marked with the following symbol:  

NOTE 1 At 80MHz and 800MHz the higher frequency range applies.

NOTE 2 These guidelines may not apply in all situations. Electromagnetic propagation is affected by absorption and reflection from structures, objects and people.

<sup>a</sup> Field strengths from fixed transmitters, such as base stations for radio (cellular/cordless) telephones and land mobile radios, amateur radio, AM and FM radio broadcast and TV broadcast cannot be predicted theoretically with accuracy. To assess the electromagnetic environment due to fixed RF transmitters, an electromagnetic site survey should be considered. If the measured field strength in the location in which the Vacuum 655 is used exceeds the applicable RF compliance level above, the Vacuum 655 should be observed to verify normal operation. If abnormal performance is observed additional measures may be necessary, such as re-orienting or relocating the Vacuum 655.

<sup>b</sup> Over the frequency range 10kHz to 80Mhz, field strengths should be less than 3 V/m.

<b>Recommended separation distances between portable and mobile RF communications equipment and the Vacuum 655</b>			
The Vacuum 655 is intended for use in an electromagnetic environment in which radiated RF disturbances are controlled. The customer or user of the 655 can help prevent electromagnetic interference by maintaining a minimum distance between portable and mobile RF communications equipment (transmitters) and the Vacuum 655 as recommended below, according to the maximum output power of the communications equipment.			
	<b>150kHz to 80MHz <math>d=3.5\sqrt{P/V_1}</math></b>	<b>80MHz to 800MHz <math>d=3.5\sqrt{P/E_1}</math></b>	<b>800MHz to 2.5GHz <math>d=7\sqrt{P/E_1}</math></b>
0.01	0.12	0.12	0.23
0.1	0.38	0.38	0.73
1	1.2	1.2	2.3
10	3.8	3.8	7.3
100	12	12	23
<p>For transmitters rated at a maximum output power not listed above, the recommended separation distance <math>d</math> in meters (m) can be estimated using the equation applicable to the frequency of the transmitter, where <math>P</math> is the maximum output power rating in watts (W) according to the transmitter manufacturer.</p> <p>NOTE 1 At 80MHz and 800MHz the separation distance for the higher frequency range applies.</p> <p>NOTE 2 These guidelines may not apply in all situations. Electromagnetic propagation is affected by absorption and reflection from structures, objects and people.</p>			