



Definer™ 1020 User Manual



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- ▣ Reliability
- ▣ Convenience

Introduction

Congratulations! You've chosen the Bios Definer™ 1020 primary gas flow standard, featuring Proven DryCal® Technology. The innovative Definer 1020 is a precise primary standard engineered for the calibration of high flow meters, within a space-saving, transportable design.

Before you get started, please take a few moments to review this manual and familiarize yourself with your Definer 1020. If at any time you have questions regarding its operation, please contact Bios through www.biosint.com, or call us at 973.492.8400 to speak with one of our knowledgeable customer support representatives.

About Your Definer 1020

Like all Bios primary standards, the Definer 1020 is a positive displacement primary piston prover for gas flow measurements in either pressure or suction applications. Using patented Proven DryCal® Technology, it combines the accuracy of a primary standard with unequaled speed and convenience, providing gas flow measurements at the push of a button.

By nature, your Definer 1020 performs a primary measurement of volumetric flow. However, since pressure variations within any measurement system can cause ambiguous results, the Definer 1020 is generally used in a standardized mode, automatically converting its volumetric flow measurements to the flow that would exist under standard temperature and pressure conditions.

An excellent tool for the calibration of instruments that read in mass flow, your Definer 1020 measures flow from 5 LPM to 500 LPM within an accuracy of $\pm 0.25\%$ of reading standardized, using a temperature sensor and pressure transducer within the gas flow stream. Additionally, you can easily calibrate volumetric instruments (see **Setup – Readings**). Flow measurements can be taken manually (one reading at a time), or automatically in the hands-free continuous mode, with up to 100 measurements in an averaging sequence.

For your convenience, your Definer 1020 features an LCD display screen with magnification option, an On/Off button on the front panel, and a convenient touch pad control to enable you to quickly access various menu options and many user-definable settings. Menu navigation is intuitive, controlled by the right, left, up and down arrows on the touch pad.

Your Definer 1020 also includes an RS-232 port, serial cable, and free Bios Optimizer™ 110 software to enable you to download its calibration data to a PC.

For information regarding the metrology behind your Definer 1020, referred to as Proven DryCal® Technology, please visit our web site, at www.biosint.com.



Unpacking Your Definer 1020

Your Definer 1020 is a laboratory primary standard, and has been shipped in Bios' rugged, reusable shipping container.

The Definer 1020 weighs 90 lbs / 41 kilograms. Unpacking by two people is recommended. The Definer 1020 can be lifted from the shipping container by verifying the nuts on the large inlet and outlet fittings are tight and lifting the Definer 1020 by grasping these fittings. While lifting the Definer 1020 from the shipping container, the top of the Definer 1020 should be supported to prevent tipping.

Your Definer 1020 comes with the following:

- AC Power Adapter/Charger
- Bios Optimizer™ Software CD
- PC Serial Cable (RS-232)
- Calibration Certificate
- Manual
- Reusable shipping container

Warnings

- The Definer 1020 is not intrinsically-safe and is not for use with explosive or flammable gases, or for use in explosive environments. If you choose to calibrate explosive or flammable gases with your Definer 1020, please follow your organization's laboratory safety procedures, which typically require operation within an inert atmosphere. To enable use in an inert atmosphere, your Definer 1020 has two (2) ¼" gas **Purge** fittings, located on its right side, and its electronics are isolated from the gas flow stream, contained within an internal, partitioned compartment.
- The Definer 1020 is not designed to be pressurized above 20 psiA (1379 mbarA) or for gas flows above 500Lpm. If pressurization reaches 19 psiA (1310 mbarA), the following warning will appear on the display on the main control panel: OVERPRESSURE! If this occurs, remove the overpressure situation, then choose "Reset" from the LCD display to clear this warning.
- The Definer 1020 does not contain user-serviceable parts and must be returned to the Bios factory in New Jersey, USA for maintenance.

Operating Your Definer 1020

Connections

Your Definer 1020 should be placed on a steady, secure work surface. For optimum stability, the Definer 1020 has self adjusting feet at its base.

Locate both the Inlet (pressure) and Outlet (suction) fittings (see **Figure 1**) and remove their protective caps.

Maintain only minimum amount of tubing necessary between your Definer 1020 and the flow source. As with any primary standard, the more internal (“dead”) volume between your Definer 1020 and the flow restrictor (MFC, needle valve, or sonic nozzle), the more uncertainty (error) is added to the calibration process.

You’re now ready to make the following connections (as needed), using Figures 1 and 2 as reference:

Power

Plug your AC power adapter/charger (supplied) into an AC wall outlet, and attach its DC output cord to your Definer 1020’s rear **DC Power 12VDC, 3A** connection.

Valve Actuation Air Source

Your Definer 1020’s internal valve actuates by air pressure, and must be connected to an air source of at least 80 psi (5516 mbar) and no higher than 100 psi (6895 mbar). Using tubing (not supplied) and the 1/4” (6.35mm) Swagelok Valve Actuation Fitting on the rear of the unit, connect your laboratory air to your Definer 1020. Turn on the air source, and verify that the pressure is between 80 and 100 psi (5516 and 6895 mbar) (pressure gauge not supplied).

Inlet (Pressure) and Outlet (Suction) Fittings

When using a pressure flow source, connect the gas flow to the 1.5” (38.1 mm) Swagelok® fitting labeled **Inlet – Pressure**.

When using a suction flow source, connect the gas flow to the 1.5” (38.1 mm) Swagelok® fitting labeled **Outlet – Suction**.

Your Definer 1020’s internal pressure transducer is rated at 20 psig (1378 mbarg) maximum, or 5.3 psi (365 mbar) more than typical ambient pressure. When taking standardized flow measurements, we recommend that any tubing or exhaust system connected to your Definer 1020’s outlet fitting have a maximum pressure drop of 3 psi (207 mbar).

When taking volumetric flow measurements, there should be no significant pressure difference (such as the pressure drop of restrictive tubing or filters) between your Definer 1020 and the point in the flow stream that is of interest (i.e., at its inlet or outlet fitting). If there is a significant pressure difference, there will also be a corresponding volumetric flow difference (from the Ideal Gas Law). In that case, your Definer 1020’s indicated volumetric flow should be adjusted by a factor of the absolute pressure at your Definer 1020, divided by the absolute pressure at the point of interest.

Overpressure Exhaust

When your Definer 1020 completes a flow measurement, its internal valve opens, releasing the gas from the flow cell and enabling the piston to drop to the bottom (reset). If for any reason the valve doesn’t open, the piston will move to the top of the flow cell and a safety switch will automatically reset the Definer 1020. If for any reason the valve doesn’t open, the piston will remain at the top of the flow cell and pressure will build. To prevent over-pressurization of the flow cell, your Definer 1020’s has an overpressure sensor that will reset the unit. Additionally the Definer 1020 has a mechanical pressure relief valve that exhausts the gas if over pressurization occurs through a 1/2” Swagelok® fitting (**Overpressure exhaust**). If this fitting is currently open to ambient and you don’t want the gas to vent to atmosphere, you should connect a direct line from this fitting to your exhaust system; or, if your Definer 1020 is already directly connected to your exhaust system, you can “tee” a line from the **Overpressure Exhaust** fitting to your exhaust line.

Purge Fittings

Your Definer 1020 is not intrinsically-safe for use with explosive or flammable gases (see **About Your Definer 1020 – Warnings**). If you choose to calibrate explosive or flammable gases with your Definer 1020, please follow your organization's laboratory safety procedures, which typically require operation within an inert atmosphere. To enable use in an inert atmosphere, your Definer 1020 has two (2) ¼" (6.25 mm) gas **Purge** fittings, located on its right side, and its electronics are isolated from the gas flow stream, contained within an internal, partitioned compartment.

Please note that electric current is still present within your Definer 1020's gas flow stream, at the pressure sensor and temperature transducer.

Serial Cable

To use Bios Optimizer™ software, connect the PC serial cable (supplied) to your Definer 1020's **Data Port**, and from there to your PC's serial port (RS-232).

Figure 1: Front View, Definer 1020

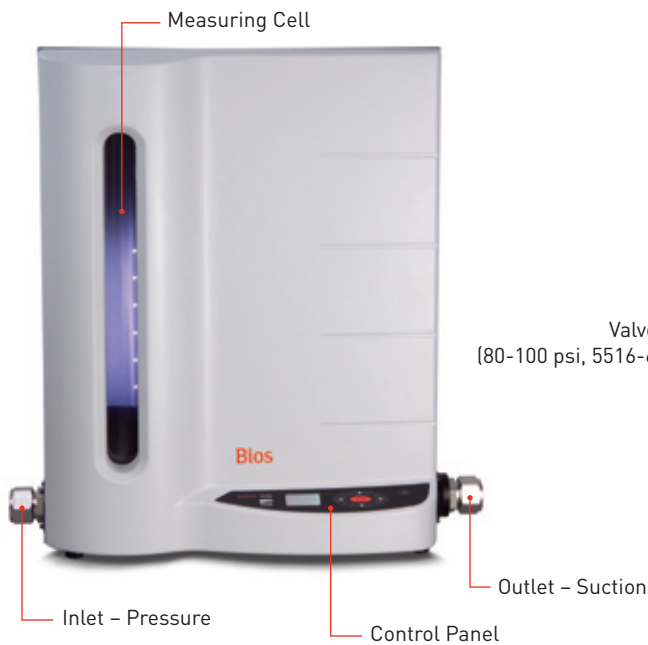
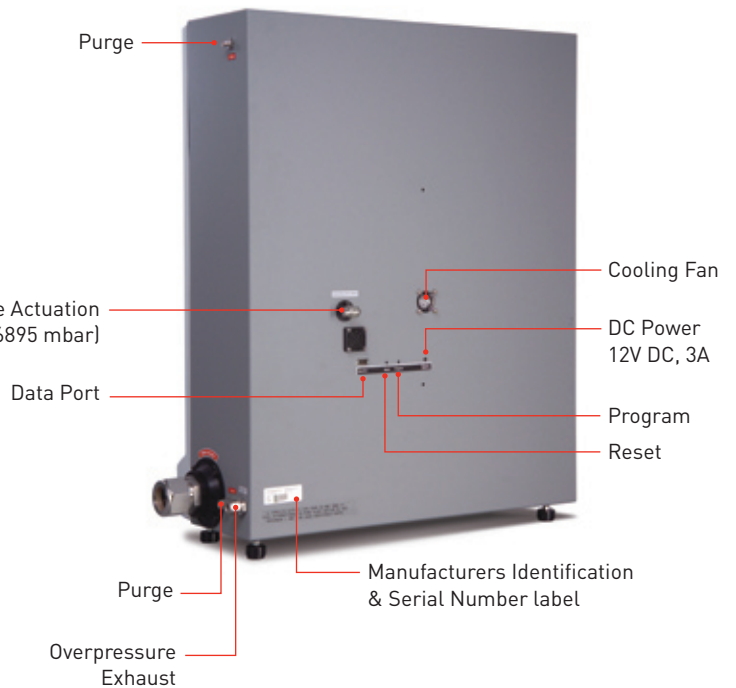


Figure 2: Rear View, Definer 1020



Getting Started

To turn on your Definer 1020, press the On/Off button in the lower right corner of the control panel for one second. To turn it off, press and hold the On/Off button for three seconds.

When turned on, your Definer 1020's LCD displays an opening screen indicating the product name, model number and flow range, and its cooling fan will turn on.

Navigating through your Definer 1020's menu screens is easy and intuitive – simply use the four directional arrows on the control panel for toggling between menu options (right, left, up, down). Your location within each menu or menu item is highlighted (shaded). A menu item in angle brackets (< >) indicates that multiple options exist for that item; these options are displayed when that item is selected. To select highlighted or bracketed items, press ENTER at the center of the navigational display on the control panel.

When you're ready, visit the SETUP menu and take some time to explore your Defender's many user-definable settings (see Setup).

Customizing Your Calibration

Your Definer 1020's calibrations may be customized and automated for your convenience. To customize each option, move between menu selections using the up and down arrows. When a selection is highlighted, use the right and left arrows to toggle between your choices for that selection. Press CONFIRM to save any changes and return to SETUP, or press EXIT to return to SETUP without saving any changes.

Setup

From the splash screen, choosing SETUP gives you access to many customizable options. If at any time you'd like to return your Definer 1020 to its factory default settings, navigate to Preferences, set Default Settings to "Yes" and then Confirm the changes.

READINGS. Select Volumetric flow or Standardized flow (volumetric flow corrected to specified temperature and pressure conditions, for calibrating instruments that read in mass flow, such as MFCs). Choose your preferred number of measurements in the average, from 1 to 100. If you'd like a delay between flow measurements (i.e., in order to time-profile MFCs to verify their long-term performance), set the "Time Between" from 1 to 60 minutes. As applicable, change the Sensor Factor from its default value of 1.000 to the value provided by the MFC or MFM manufacturer (see Using Sensor Factors).

UNITS. Depending on whether you've selected Volumetric or Standardized flow in the Readings menu, you may view flow measurements in liters or cubic feet (all units are per minute). Choose to view pressure in mmHg, kPa or psi, and choose to view temperature in Celsius or Fahrenheit. If you're measuring standardized flow, enter the temperature to which the gas flow volume will be standardized (depending on the application, 0, 15, 20 and 25 centigrade are typical). Pressure standardization is not adjustable, and is always 101.325 kPa, 760 mmhg, or 14.696 PSI of absolute pressure.

TIME. Set the current time in the format you prefer.

DATE. Set the month/date/year in the format you prefer.

PREFERENCES. Read Default offers a choice of Single, Continuous or Burst measurements; choose the type of flow measurement you will normally use. Once selected, your Definer 1020 always defaults to this setting when Measure is selected. Default Settings allows you to reset your Definer 1020 to the factory defaults. Magnification controls the amount of data on the display; choose Zoom to view only flow measurements in larger font, or choose Detail to simultaneously view flow measurements, temperature conditions, pressure conditions, and sensor factor in smaller font.

ABOUT. Tells you more about your Definer 1020, a useful screen to refer to when speaking with a Bios technical support representative or your Bios sales representative.

Taking Measurements

Once you've finished customizing your Definer 1020's SETUP and have confirmed your changes, select MEASURE to begin a set of measurements. MEASURE gives you access to TAKE MEASUREMENTS, where you can choose between the following flow measurement options:

- Single. Each time the "Enter" button is pressed, one measurement is taken.
- Cont. Continuous hands-free measurements when the "Enter" button is pressed measurements continue automatically until stopped by the user.
- Burst. A series of measurements are taken until the number of readings in the average is met.

When taking flow measurements, your Definer 1020 displays the actual flow rate generated by the Device Under Test (DUT). Individual measurements, the running average of all measurements and the number of measurements in the average are provided simultaneously. The flow cell-viewing window lights each time the piston rises, and you'll hear the internal valve clicking open and closed at the beginning and end of each flow measurement.

To take a flow measurement, select the type of flow measurement you want, and then press ENTER. Your Definer 1020 will begin taking flow measurements.

You can stop a series of hands-free measurements at any time by choosing either PAUSE or RESET. PAUSE terminates the flow measurement or sequence of flow measurements but leaves the flow results on the screen, while RESET terminates the flow measurement or sequence of flow measurements and clears the screen, allowing a new sequence of measurements to begin.

EXIT returns you to the TAKE MEASUREMENTS screen, and SETUP allows you to further customize your Definer 1020's operation.

Using Sensor Factors

Your Definer 1020 is factory-calibrated with nitrogen or purified laboratory air, although you can run other gases, provided they are noncorrosive, noncondensing and noncombustible (like most primary standards, your Definer 1020 is not intrinsically-safe).

When calibrating an MFC or MFM using a surrogate or proxy gas (meaning the MFC or MFM was originally calibrated by the manufacturer for a gas other than what you are currently using), refer to the manufacturer's sensor factor.

To enable your Definer 1020 to scale its actual flow measurements to match the adjusted flow from the MFC or MFM, input the sensor factor into the Definer 1020 before calibrating the MFC or MFM (see SETUP – Readings).

Because a sensor factor other than your Definer 1020's default value of 1.000 modifies the actual flow to a "reported" flow, an exclamation mark (!) will appear next to any Definer 1020 measurement that is being adjusted according to a sensor factor when your display is set to Zoom (see SETUP, Preferences, Magnification). If your display is set to Detail, then no exclamation point appears. Rather, the sensor factor (SF) will be displayed, along with its value on the measurements screen along with the individual flow measurements.

Notes

Out of Range!

If your Device Under Test is generating more flow than your Definer 1020's rated flow range of 500 liters per minute, the "Out of Range!" warning appears when you attempt to take a flow measurement. Immediately lower or disconnect the flow source. When the flow is within the proper range, either choose "Reset" from the LCD display to clear the last measurement, or try to take another flow measurement.

You may verify your Definer 1020's flow range by navigating to SETUP, then About.

Over Pressure!

If your Definer 1020 has an internal pressure that is greater than 19.5 psiA (134.4 kpaA, 1008 mmHgA), the "Over Pressure!" warning appears. This can occur before or during a flow measurement. If the Definer 1020 is in the process of taking a flow measurement, the unit will open the valve; the piston will reset, and display the "Over Pressure!" warning. You will need to determine the source of the over pressure. This is most likely caused by a restriction in the flow path. It can also be caused by a faulty sensor allowing the piston to go to the top without resetting. When the source of the restriction is cleared, pressing any key will clear the fault.

Program

The recessed Program button, located on the rear of your Definer 1020, enables firmware updates. To update your Definer 1020's firmware (available from our website www.biosint.com), connect your serial cable (supplied) to your Definer 1020's RS-232 serial port and to the serial port of your PC, then hold the Program button down while pushing the recessed Reset button, also on the rear of your Definer 1020.

Reset Function

If your Definer 1020 fails to respond to push-button commands, try resetting the unit by pressing the reset button on the back. This can be done easily with a bent paper clip. Please note that resetting your Definer 1020 will not affect your user settings. However, if you are in the middle of a calibration, your Definer 1020 will return to the initial measurement phase and you'll need to initiate a new flow measurement.

Storage

To store your Definer 1020 for an extended period, please follow these guidelines:

- Always store it in a clean, dry place
- Disconnect your lab's air supply from its Valve Actuation fitting
- Cap its Inlet and Outlet fittings

Annual Maintenance and Calibration

Your Definer 1020 is engineered to provide years of reliable service, with appropriate care and maintenance. Bios recommends annual calibration by an ISO 17025-accredited laboratory, such as Bios, to help ensure the best possible flow measurements, meet regulatory requirements and provide a bulletproof audit trail in the event of litigation. Should you encounter any problems with your Definer 1020, immediately contact Bios Customer Service.

Recertification

Your Definer 1020 is a precision measuring standard with moving parts machined to extremely close tolerances. Various environmental factors, product wear, drift of the temperature sensors and pressure transducers or inadvertent damage may adversely affect your Definer 1020's measurement accuracy or general performance.

For these reasons, we highly recommend having your Definer 1020 annually verified and serviced by our experienced Bios personnel in our accredited ISO 17025 metrology laboratory, located in New Jersey, USA. For those applications subject to regulatory or ISO requirements, verification by our accredited laboratory provides you with assurance of measurement integrity and a defensible audit trail in the event of litigation. Please note that while many accredited gas flow measurement laboratories may be capable of properly verifying the accuracy of your Definer 1020, Bios is the only authorized service center in the USA for Bios products. Outside the USA, please check with Bios to determine if a local authorized Bios service center is available.

Our elective Recertification program is a complete product service package that provides pre-calibration at significant flow points; complete product refurbishment, testing, and available upgrades; post-calibration at significant flow points; and NIST-traceable Bios calibration certificates backed by our accreditation to ISO 17025, ANSI Z-540, and NIST Handbook 150 quality standards. Recertification includes a 90-day service warranty should any related labor or parts replacements prove faulty.

Turnaround time is generally two to three weeks within Bios' facility from the date we received your Definer 1020. To obtain current Recertification pricing, please contact Bios at **973.492.8400**, or visit our web site at **www.biosint.com**.

Please contact Bios to see if expedited service is available for an additional charge.

Sending Your Definer 1020 to Bios

Please contact Bios for an RMA (return merchandise authorization) number before sending your Definer 1020 to our factory for elective Recertification or other service. You can get an RMA number through our automated web-based system at **<http://www.biosint.com/ContactUs/rmaform.aspx>**, by email to **service@biosint.com**, or by telephone at **973.492.8400**. Our web site address is **www.biosint.com**.

Sending your Definer 1020 to Bios without an RMA number may result in return of the instrument without inspection or a substantial delay in service turnaround time.

When requesting an RMA number, provide your Definer 1020 serial number and revision level. Also describe any product issues you may be experiencing. Please keep in mind that Bios will not begin evaluation and service of your Definer 1020 until you have approved our formal RMA quote.

If sending your Definer 1020 for repair or evaluation (rather than elective Recertification), please contact Bios for technical support or troubleshooting assistance prior to shipping the unit. We will first attempt to resolve the situation over the phone or via email. If you've provided us with a detailed description of your Definer 1020's issue and application details and we're unable to resolve the situation by phone or email, we'll issue you an RMA number for prompt return of your Definer 1020 for evaluation.

Please note that Bios will make every attempt to verify your issue, as we want you to get the most out of your Definer 1020. However, if we are unable to detect a product issue or if we determine that the issue is application-related rather than product-related, we reserve the right to charge an evaluation fee.

Shipping

When shipping your Definer 1020, please use the reusable shipping container that was supplied with your 1020.

We highly recommend insuring the product against damage in transit, and using a standard freight carrier (e.g., FedEx, UPS) that provides tracking numbers and offers door-to-door delivery directly to Bios. Please note that Bios does not arrange, or pay for, shipment transfers from local airports to our facility, so we are not responsible for additional expense and transit time incurred through airport deliveries.

Bios is generally not responsible for freight costs associated with shipments to and from Bios, except in certain instances; please contact Bios for information before initiating a shipment.

Bios isn't responsible for damage that may occur during shipment.

Definer 1020 Specifications

Measurements:

Flow range: 5 to 500 SLPM

* At a gas pressure of 760 mmHg, and a gas temperature of 25° centigrade with standardization temperature set to 21.1° centigrade.

Accuracy, Volumetric & Standardized:

±0.25% of reading (15-30°C, from 5L to 500L)

Time per Measurement: 5-100 seconds (approximate)

Type: Single, Continuous or Burst

Volumetric Flow Units: L/min, cf/min

Standard Flow Units: sL/min, scf/min

Pressure Units: mmHg, psi, kPa

Temperature Units: °C, °F

Basics:

Dimensions (H x W x D): 34 x 32 x 12 in / 84 x 63 x 30 cm

Weight: 90 lbs / 41 kg

Temperature & Pressure Sensors: In the flow stream

Temperature Accuracy: ±0.2 degrees

Pressure: 19.5 psiA (1344 mbarA) maximum pressure

Pressure Accuracy: 0.05% FS

Power: 120 VAC, 5 watts - external power module

Shop air for internal valve actuation: 80–100 psi (5516–6895 mbar),
¼" (6.35 mm) Swagelok® compression fittings

Inlet and Outlet Fittings: 1.5" (38.1 mm) Swagelok®
compression fittings

Purge Fittings: ¼" (6.35 mm) Swagelok® compression fittings

Over Pressure Fitting: ½" (12.7 mm) Swagelok® compression fittings

Display: Backlit graphical LCD

Usage:

Flow Modes: Pressure or Suction

Gas Compatibility: Noncorrosive, noncondensing,
noncombustible gases, <70% humidity

Operating Pressure (Absolute): 19.5 psi, 1344 mbar

Operating Temperature: 15-30° C

Ambient Humidity: 0-70%, non-condensing

Storage Temperature: 0-70° C

Warranty: 1 year

Bios Optimizer Software:

- Requires Windows Vista, Windows XP SP2, or Windows 2000 SP3-compatible PC and RS-232 (serial) connection
- Bios Optimizer 110 installation CD (supplied); no restrictions apply
- RS-232 cable (supplied) for Definer 1020 500 Series data port to PC RS-232 (serial) port connection
- PC Card (optional and as necessary) creates an RS-232 port on your PC
- Licensed upgrade to Bios Optimizer 110 is available

Limited Warranty

The Bios Definer 1020 is warranted to the original end user to be free from defects in materials and workmanship under normal use and service for a period of one year from the date of purchase as shown on the purchaser's receipt. If the unit was purchased from an authorized reseller, a copy of an invoice or packing slip showing the date of purchase may be required to obtain warranty service.

The obligation of Bios International Corporation under this warranty shall be limited to repair or replacement (at our option), during the warranty period, of any part that proves defective in material or workmanship under normal use and service, provided the product is returned to Bios International Corporation, transportation charges prepaid.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Bios International Corporation shall have no liability to repair or replace any Bios International Corporation product:

1. That has been damaged following sale, including but not limited to damage resulting from improper electrical voltages or currents, defacement, misuse, abuse, neglect, accident, fire, flood, terrorism, act of God or use in violation of the instructions furnished by Bios International Corporation;
2. When the serial number has been altered or removed; or
3. That has been repaired, altered or maintained by any person or party other than Bios International Corporation's own service facility or a Bios authorized service center, should one be established.

This warranty is in lieu of all other warranties and all other obligations or liabilities arising as a result of any defect or deficiency of the product, whether in contract or in tort or otherwise. All other warranties, expressed or implied, including any implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, are specifically excluded.

In no event shall Bios be liable for any special, incidental or consequential damages for breach of this or any other warranty, express or implied, whatsoever.

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