



V.A.C.®
Therapy

3M™ ActiV.A.C.™ Therapy System Alarm Troubleshooting Guide





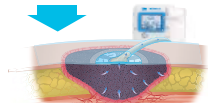
Quick reference for the delivery of prescribed therapy.

The ActiV.A.C. Therapy System has been designed to deliver the proven benefits of 3M™ V.A.C.® Therapy in an easy-to-use system that fits patients' active lifestyles. Understanding its functions and being able to identify and resolve potential problems is essential to providing effective therapy.

Customers needing technical assistance, please contact **3M.com**.

Detecting and resolving common ActiV.A.C. Therapy System alarms. To be used in conjunction with device User Manual.*

NOTE: Please keep the small white tubing cap, which is attached to the end of the canister tubing, as it will assist when on a troubleshooting call with 3M.

System Alarm	Alarm Condition	Action/Resolution	User Tips	
Canister Full Alarm	Unit has detected the canister is full and should be replaced despite minimal amounts of fluid in canister	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change 3M™ ActiV.A.C.™ Canister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid placing the ActiV.A.C. Therapy Unit into carrying bag with canister pointing upwards. Unit should be worn or hung so that touchscreen is visible in window Avoid placing therapy unit upside down (with touchscreen facing down) for prolonged periods of time 	
Blockage Alarm	Unit has determined that blockage is present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check tubing for closed clamps, kinks, crimps or blockages Inspect to ensure a 2.5cm hole has been cut in the drape Ensure dressing and drape have not shifted and blocked 3M™ SensaT.R.A.C.™ Pad outer lumens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure a 2.5cm hole has been cut in the drape A smaller hole, an "x" or a slit may cause blockage, pressure fluctuations and other functionality issues Ensure SensaT.R.A.C. Pad is located in a flat area of the body, avoiding a skin fold Avoid the additional use and application of adhesive tape on or over SensaT.R.A.C. Pad 	
Leakage Alarm	Unit has detected a significant negative pressure leak which has not been resolved. If this alarm is not resolved within 3 minutes, therapy will stop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use leak detection procedures and the 3M™ Seal Check™ Feature, as discussed in the Quick Reference Guide which accompanies this device, to help find and resolve leak 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For larger, highly exudating wounds, adjust intensity level to highest level to ensure a faster draw down. Default setting is low intensity 	
Battery Critical Alarm	Alarm indicating 30 minutes of battery power remaining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediately recharge battery Ensure power cord is securely connected to therapy unit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charge ActiV.A.C. Therapy Unit at least twice a day Address dressing leak alarms as quickly as possible to avoid a drain on the unit's battery 	
Low Pressure Alarm – Therapy Interrupted	Unit indicates negative pressure at wound may be below set pressure, potentially compromising therapeutic benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check tubing for closed clamps, kinks, crimps or blockages Ensure dressing and drape have not shifted and blocked SensaT.R.A.C. Pad outer lumens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower therapy unit and tubing to or below wound level Ensure a 2.5cm hole has been cut in the dressing where the SensaT.R.A.C. Pad is placed 	<p>Therapy unit and tubing should be at or lower than wound surface</p> 

*Other alarms and features exist. Always read and follow (if patient, discuss with your clinician) detailed Instructions for Use along with important safety information provided with the ActiV.A.C. therapy unit and Disposables.

Ensure Optimal 3M™ SensaT.R.A.C.™ Technology Performance

IMPORTANT! To help optimize performance of the SensaT.R.A.C. Pad, you must cut a 2.5cm hole in the dressing. A smaller hole, an “x” or a slit may cause blockage, pressure fluctuations and other functionality issues. This can prevent delivery of prescribed therapy and cost caregivers valuable time.

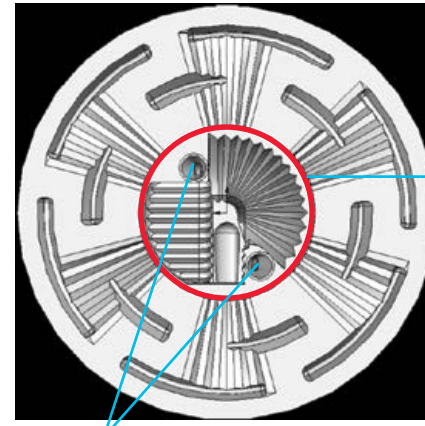


Optimal Orientation

To help minimize canister alarms when not being worn, maintain the unit in an upright position. Avoid placing therapy unit upside down (with touchscreen facing down).

Providing Effective Therapy

- All therapy units have been programmed to the following default settings:
 - Continuous
 - 125mmHg
 - Low Intensity
- Press the Screen Guard on the 3M™ ActiV.A.C.™ Therapy Unit home screen to avoid any accidental changes to the prescribed settings.



2.5cm size hole

Sensing Lumens



For additional information, please contact your 3M local representative.

If active bleeding develops suddenly or in large amounts during 3M™ V.A.C.® Therapy, or if bright red blood is seen in tubing or in the canister, immediately stop V.A.C.® Therapy (leave dressing in place for physician to remove), take measures to stop the bleeding, and seek immediate medical assistance. Contact patient's attending physician, home health agency or wound care center for further medical assistance, or local emergency number (i.e. 911).

Note: Specific indications, contraindications, warnings, precautions and safety information exist for these products and therapies. Please consult a physician and product instructions for use prior to application. This material is intended for healthcare professionals.