Series 3000 - The New Generation of B-RAX™ Vacuum Gauge Controllers

- 3 Channel Controller for one ionization and two convection gauges or one ionization, one convection and one alternate capacitance diaphragm gauge
- Various pressure measurement ranges from 2 x 10^{-11} to 1,000 Torr
- 3 analog outputs, 6 setpoint relays, RS232/RS485 serial communications, remote Digital I/O
- Compact space saving half rack design, bench top or panel/rack mount instrument
- Outstanding product warranty of 5 years

Description

The InstruTech series 3000 B-RAX is a highly versatile vacuum gauge controller capable of operating one hot or cold cathode ionization gauge (IG) and up to two CVG101 convection vacuum gauge sensors (CG), or one IG, one CG and one alternate gauge such as a capacitance diaphragm gauge (CDG). The ionization gauge on/off, degas functions and emission current selection can be controlled via front panel softkeys, remote input signals (Digital I/O), or serial communications. IG sensor can also be automatically turned on/off using the measurements from one of the user selectable convection or alternate gauges. When using hot cathode IGs, the B-RAX can be set to automatically switch (auto-ranging) between various emission currents. This results in optimal and stable pressure readings over the entire measurement range from low to high vacuum. High efficiency power supply design and effective thermal management techniques are used to enable operation of the B-RAX without the need for air movement devices such as troublesome fans. The state of all setpoint relays, emission current, filament in use and error messages for all fault conditions are displayed on the easy to read OLED set-up screen. Filament operation including filament current, filament voltage, emission current and ion current can be displayed in real time to allow monitoring of filament condition.

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<td>One CC606 UHV Cold Cathode (7.5 x 10^{-11} to 3.75 x 10^{-5} Torr) or One CC605 Cold Cathode (1.5 x 10^{-6} to 3.75 x 10^{-5} Torr)</td>
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<td><strong>B-RAX 3400</strong></td>
<td>One BA601 UHV Nude EB Hot Cathode (2 x 10^{-11} to 1 x 10^{-5} Torr) or One BA600 Mini IG Hot Cathode (1 x 10^{-6} to 5 x 10^{-5} Torr)</td>
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<td><strong>B-RAX 3300</strong></td>
<td>One BA602 Nude i’R Hot Cathode (4 x 10^{-10} to 1 x 10^{-5} Torr) or One BA603 Glass i’R Hot Cathode (4 x 10^{-10} to 1 x 10^{-5} Torr)</td>
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<td><strong>B-RAX 3200</strong></td>
<td>One IGM400 Hot Cathode (1 x 10^{-5} to 5 x 10^{-7} Torr) or One CCM500 Cold Cathode (1 x 10^{-6} to 1 x 10^{-5} Torr)</td>
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### Specifications

| Measurement Range | B-RAX 3500: | 7.5 x 10^-11 to 1,000 Torr when used with the CC606 UHV cold cathode IG and CVG101 CG
| | B-RAX 3500: | 1.5 x 10^-9 to 1,000 Torr when used with the CC605 cold cathode IG and CVG101 CG
| | B-RAX 3400: | 2 x 10^-11 to 1,000 Torr when used with the BA601 UHV hot cathode IG and CVG101 CG
| | B-RAX 3400: | 1 x 10^-9 to 1,000 Torr when used with the BA600 hot cathode Mini IG and CVG101 CG
| | B-RAX 3300: | 4 x 10^-10 to 1,000 Torr when used with the BA602/603 hot cathode IG and CVG101 CG
| | B-RAX 3200: | 1 x 10^-9 to 1,000 Torr when used with the IGM400 hot cathode IG and CVG101 CG
| | B-RAX 3200: | 1 x 10^-9 to 1,000 Torr when used with the CCM500 cold cathode IG and CVG101 CG
| Display | LED - 3 independent pressure display channels - 3 digit plus 2 digit exponent per channel
| | OLED - displays state of all setpoint relays, IG emission current, error messages for fault conditions
| Units of Measure | Torr, mbar, Pa - user selectable
| Functionality | IG powers & operates one of the InstruTech ionization vacuum gauges listed above
| | CG powers & operates up to 2 InstruTech CVG101 convection or Granville-Phillips® (GP) Convectron® gauges
| | alternate gauge displays pressure from one alternate gauge such as a capacitance diaphragm gauge (CDG) or other InstruTech modules using the analog input (external power source for these alternate auxiliary devices will be required)
| IG Sensor Control | IG sensor on/off, degas on/off and emission current (hot cathode IG) can all be controlled via front panel soft-keys, remote input signals (digital I/O) or serial communications. IG sensor can also be automatically turned on/off using the measurements from one of the user selectable convection or alternate gauges.
| IG Remote Input Signals (Digital I/O) | IG sensor on/off, degas on/off and emission current (hot cathode IG) can also be set by applying momentary continuity to ground. Also the 9-pin D-sub remote input DIGITAL I/O connector provides pin-pin compatible signals with the GP 358 controller as well as compatible signals with the GP 307.
| Setpoint Relays / Relay Contact Rating | six single-pole, double-throw (SPDT) / 5 A at 30 Vdc, 5 A at 250 Vac, resistive load, user assignables to any of the gauges (Note- Contact rating applies to units shipped after Nov 1, 2015, See User Manual for older units)
| Analog Output | three analog outputs, user assignables to any of the gauges:
| | IG log linear 0 to 10 Vdc, 1 V/decade, various scaling selections also provide analog output compatibility with Granville-Phillips® controller models 307, 350 and 358 controllers, or log linear 1.7 V to 9.3 Vdc (nominal 1.8 to 8.7 Vdc) 0.8 V/decade, or linear to 10 Vdc (useable over 3 decades, also compatible with GP 307 controller)
| | combination IG + CG or IG + Alternate Gauge log linear 0.5 to 7 Vdc, 0.5 V/decade
| | CG log linear 1 to 8 Vdc, 1 V/decade, or 0 to 7 Vdc, 1 V/decade (also compatible with GP 307, 350, 358), or non-linear analog S-curve 0.375 to 5.659 Vdc, or linear 0 to 10 Vdc (useable over 3 decades)
| Analog Input | CDG 0-10 Vdc analog input signal from CDM900 or other brands of CDG when used as an alternate gauge to CG2, or analog input from InstruTech gauges: CCM501, CCM502, CVM201, CVM211, IGM401, IGM402, PCM301, WGM701
| Serial Communications | RS485 / RS232 - ASCII protocol - (command protocol provides compatibility with GP 307 and GP 358 controller GP350 command protocol compatibility is also available for all models except B-RAX 3500)
| Status Output | IG sensor on/off status message is displayed on the front panel, by serial communications and by SPDT relay (DIGITAL I/O Connector) rated at 1 A at 30 Vdc resistive, or 1 A at 30 Vac non-inductive.
| | IG degas on/off status or IG error conditions are displayed on the front panel, by serial communications and by an open collector transistor output (ground emitter) rated at 40 V max. VCE, 50 mA IC max.
| IG Hot Cathode Filament Switching | user selectable between filament 1 or 2 using the front panel soft-keys or RS232/485 serial communications
| IG Hot Cathode Emission Current | B-RAX 3400/3300: 100 μA, 4 mA, 10 mA or automatic switching (auto ranging) between 100 μA, 4 mA, 10 mA
| | B-RAX 3200: 100 μA, 4 mA, or automatic switching (auto ranging) between 100 μA and 4 mA
| IG Hot Cathode Degas | B-RAX 3400: 40 W, electron bombardment (EB) when used with BA601, 3 W, EB when used with BA600
| | B-RAX 3300: 40 W, resistive (I^2R) B-RAX 3200: 3 W, EB B-RAX 3500: N/A
| IG Overpressure Protection | IG sensor turns off if pressure exceeds maximum allowable pressure limit of IG
| Temperature | operating: 0 to + 40 °C storage: -40 to + 70 °C
| Humidity | 0 to 95% relative humidity, non-condensing
| Weight | 1.7 lb. (0.7 kg)
housing: aluminum extrusion - black powder paint finish

input power:
- **B-RAX 3400/3300**: 20 - 28 Vdc, 200 W when used with BA601, BA602 and BA603 IG
- **B-RAX 3400**: 20 - 28 Vdc, 36 W when used with BA600 Mini IG
- **B-RAX 3200**: 20 - 28 Vdc, 36 W
- **B-RAX 3500**: 20 - 28 Vdc, 12 W

B-RAX circuitry is protected against power reversal and transient over-voltages

connectors:
- **IG & CG**
- **digital I/O**
- **serial communications**
- **analog I/O, setpoint relays, power**

- Gauge cable assemblies provided by InstruTech
- 9-pin D-sub male
- RS232: 9-pin D-sub female, RS485: 9-pin D-sub male
- Pluggable terminal block (mating connectors included)

CE compliance:
- EMC Directive 2014/30/EU, EN55011, EN61000-6-2, EN61000-6-4, EN61326-1, EN61010-1

environmental:
- RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU

**Front Panel Operation**

- Programming & set-up screen
- Ionization gauge
- Ionization gauge on/off
- Pressure measurement
- Convection gauge 1
- Convection gauge 2 or alternate gauge
- State of relays
- Hot cathode ionization gauge degas on
- Engineering units
- Programming keys

**Electrical Connections**

**B-RAX 3400, B-RAX 3300, B-RAX 3200**

- 3 Analog Outputs
- 1 Alternate Gauge Analog Input
- Digital I/O (remote input/output)
- Convection Gauges 1 & 2

**B-RAX 3500**

- All connections are the same as the B-RAX 3400/3300/3200 except IG (Note IG Collector is removed below)

- CG1
- CG2
- RS232 / RS485
- IG Collector (B-RAX 3400/3300 only)

**Outline Drawing**

**Front View**

**Side View**
## Ordering Information

### B-RAX Vacuum Gauge Controller

3 channel pressure display vacuum gauge controller. Operates one ionization gauge (IG) plus up to two convection gauges (CG), or one IG, one CG and one analog input from an alternate gauge such as a CDG. Includes 6 setpoint relays, 3 analog outputs, Digital I/O, RS232/RS485 serial communications.

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### Optional 24 Vdc Power Supply for B-RAX

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<td>2-pin pluggable terminal block</td>
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For B-RAX 3400 / 3300 when used with BA601, BA602 and BA603 IG (Power cord with North American 115 Vac plug included)

For B-RAX 3400 / 3300 when used with BA601, BA602 and BA603 IG (No power cord included*)

For B-RAX 3400 when used with BA600 Mini IG, B-RAX 3500, B-RAX 3200 (Power cord with North American 115 Vac plug included)

For B-RAX 3400 when used with BA600 Mini IG, B-RAX 3500, B-RAX 3200 (No power cord included*)

* The conventional IEC60320 AC receptacle allows use with any user supplied AC mains power cord set available worldwide.

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Note: The IRNBD441 bakeable Nude IG cable is provided with push-on sockets for connection to the Nude gauge pins (BA601/602 pins) and is bakeable to 200 °C. All other cables for hot cathode and convection gauges listed above are rated for 50 °C ambient temperature. All IG cables for hot cathode gauges listed above can be used with either single or dual filament ion gauges and filament switching is controlled from the B-RAX controller. The CCP8641 bakeable cold cathode IG cable is bakeable to 250 °C while the CCP8641 cold cathode IG cable is rated to 80 °C.

### Optional Rack Mount Adapter

- **Aluminum - black powder paint finish**

  Rack Mount adapter panel for installation of one B-RAX as a left-mount or right-mount in a 2U, 19 inch wide rack.

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  Rack Mount adapter panel for installation of two B-RAX side-by-side in a 2U, 19 inch wide rack.

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### Models

- **BA600, BA601, BA602, BA603, IGM400, CCM500, CC605, CC606 ionization gauges**

  See data sheets for these IG products

  **CVG101 convection gauge**

  See CVG101 Worker Bee® convection gauge data sheet

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