MARCH RIE CS-1701 SOP

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START UP

1. Log into the tool in your FOM account.
2. Turn ON disconnect in the chase area to turn on the pump.
3. Switch ON the Main breaker on the back of the RFX-600.
4. Power ON the RFX-600 (Power button).
5. Power ON the MARCH CS-1701 (orange button).
6. Press STOP button on RIE (this resets the system), MAN OP button and then BLEED button. The BLEED LED will remain constantly illuminated while the RIE system is bleeding, and then turn off when the bleed is completed and the chamber should be at atmospheric pressure (the seal on the lid will crack open). If you cannot open the chamber at this point, press STOP and the BLEED once again.
7. Load your sample and close the lid.

The same basic format can be used to perform a different etch process with the desired gasses, pressures, etch times, etc.

NOTE: The RIE etching process can perform in the Manual and Auto mode, but it is recommended to use Auto Mode for process repeatability.
Parameters:

- PRESS: Pressure (mTorr)
- PWR: Power (Watts)
- ENDPT: Disable endpoint detection
- TIME: Time (Seconds)  !!! Ignored in Manual mode!!!
- TEMP: Disables DC bias
- AUX: Base pressure - typically 100 (mTorr)
- GAS 1-6: Gas flow rate (sccm)

Available gases:

- GAS 1 = H₂
- GAS 2 = O₂
- GAS 3 = CHF₃
- GAS 4 = CF₄

WRITING THE RECIPE

1. Toggle the PROG button on the RIE until the desired program number appears in the program number box.
2. Press the left SET/READ button to illuminate the left SET/READ LED. This allows all process parameters except gas flow rates to be set.
3. Initially, PRESS should be illuminated. Set this to desired pressure, using the left INCR or DECR button.
4. Press the L DISP button one time to illuminate PWR. Press the left INCR or DECR button to set the desired power.
5. Repeat the same procedure for all the parameters (TIME, AUX, etc.). Now that all the parameters except gas flow rates have been entered, press the left SET/READ button to extinguish the left SET/READ LED.
6. To set the gas flow rates, press the right SET/READ button to illuminate the right SET/READ LED.
7. Press the R DISP button until GAS 1 is illuminated. Set it to desired value by use of the right INCR or DECR buttons, as necessary.
8. Continue to toggle through the list of gasses, ensuring that the rest are all set to desired values or zero. After all gas flow rates are set, press the right SET/READ button to extinguish the right SET/READ LED. This saves the gas flow rate settings just entered.
9. The etching process is now saved in the selected program number.
RECIPE RUN IN AUTO MODE

1. Ensure that the RIE system is in the Auto mode (MAN OP LED is extinguished). If it is not, press the MAN OP button to extinguish the MAN OP LED.

2. Toggle the PROG button until the correct program number appears (just created program or already existed program). Ensure the MAN OP LED is extinguished, and press START. The entire process will be automatically performed by the RIE.

3. When program is finished press STOP, then press the MAN OP button to exit the Auto mode, and, finally, press BLEED button to vent the chamber and unload your sample.

RECIPE RUN IN MANUAL MODE

1. Make sure the RIE is in manual mode of operation (MAN OP LED lit). If not, Press the MAN OP button on the RIE.

2. Close lid and press VAC ON. Wait 1 minute for vacuum to establish. Then press the PRESS button on the RIE. This enables the pressure monitoring feature of the system.

3. Let the system pump down to 100 mTorr or lower.

4. Press the right SET/READ LED. Now, use the right INCR or DECR buttons to set the gas flow rates.

5. Press the L DISP button on the RIE until PWR is illuminated.

6. Press the left SET/READ button to illuminate the LED. Now, the power can be set - use the left INCR or DECR buttons. Don’t exceed 400 Watts!!! Then press left SET/READ button to extinguish LED.

7. Press the GAS ON (this enables the RIE system to introduce the gasses as determined by the gas settings) and wait for a desired pressure and press RF ON button. At this point, plasma should be visible inside the RIE chamber.

8. Use stop watch to count the time of the etching process.

9. Press the BLEED button on the RIE to stop the cleaning process. This should stop the gas flow, and bleed the system to atmospheric pressure. After the system pumps down to the base pressure, the RIE will begin to bleed, and return to atmospheric pressure. While the system is pumping down, the BLEED LED will blink. The BLEED LED will remain constantly illuminated while the RIE system is bleeding, and then turn off when the bleed is completed and the chamber should be at atmospheric pressure. If you cannot open the chamber at this point, press STOP and the BLEED once again.

10. Open the lid and unload your sample.
SHUTDOWN

1. After the process has completed and your sample is out, close the lid and press **MAN OP**, and then press **VAC ON**.

2. When pressure goes below 100 mTorr press **STOP** and **POWER** (orange button) to power **OFF** the MARCH CS-1701.

3. Power **OFF** the RFX-600 (Power button).

4. Switch **OFF** the Main breaker on the back of the RFX-600.

5. Turn **OFF** the disconnect in the chase area to turn off the pump.

6. Log out of the tool in your FOM account.

Plasma Descum Recipe (example)

| Press 300 | Gas 1 = 0  
| Time 30  | Gas 2 = 20
| Pwr 300  | Gas 3 = 0  
| Temp 0   | Gas 4 = 0  
| Endpt 0  | AUX 100   
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