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### **EZ-Lock Spindle Coupling System**

Operator Instructions for Built-in and Retrofitted Systems

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#### I. SET UP

Carefully remove the protective shipping cap with foam insert (Part No. B-30KY) by gently pulling from the bottom. Retain for future use.

- > If your instrument has been **retrofitted** with an EZ-Lock Spindle Coupling System, *proceed to Section I.1*.
- > If your instrument was purchased with an EZ-Lock Spindle Coupling System **built-in** (the spindle coupling is permanently attached to the spindle), *proceed to Section II*.

# I.1. EZ-Lock Spindle Coupling Retrofit System (with spindle coupling adapter)

The EZ-Lock Spindle Coupling (Part No. YU-20C) has been attached to the viscometer prior to shipment. To remove for attachment to a spindle, hold onto the bottom of the EZ-Lock Spindle Coupling with one hand while raising the spring-loaded outter sleeve up towards the viscometer pivot cup with the other hand. The spindle coupling should easily slide out and can now be connected to a spindle. Note left hand threads!

### II. ATTACHING SPINDLE WITH EZ-LOCK COUPLING

With one hand, hold the spindle while gently raising the spring-loaded outer sleeve to its highest position with the other hand. Insert the EZ-Lock Spindle Coupling and lower the sleeve. The sleeve should easily slide back down to hold the spindle/coupling assembly in place for use.

**NOTE**: Keep the EZ-Lock Spindle Coupling and outer sleeve as clean as possible and free from debris that could become lodged inside the adapter.

#### III. OPERATION

Follow normal instrument operating procedures (refer to operator manual).

NOTE: Special guard legs are needed to accommodate the length of the spindle coupling system and are supplied with all built-in and retrofitted systems at initial purchase. Accessories used with EZ-Lock (SSA, ULA, Thermosel, DIN Adapter) require a special Alignment Bracket (also known as Locating Channel) with a longer length.

### IV. REMOVING SPINDLE WITH EZ-LOCK COUPLING

Hold the spindle with one hand, while gently pushing the spring-loaded outer sleeve upwards with the other. The spindle/coupling assembly should easily slide out.





