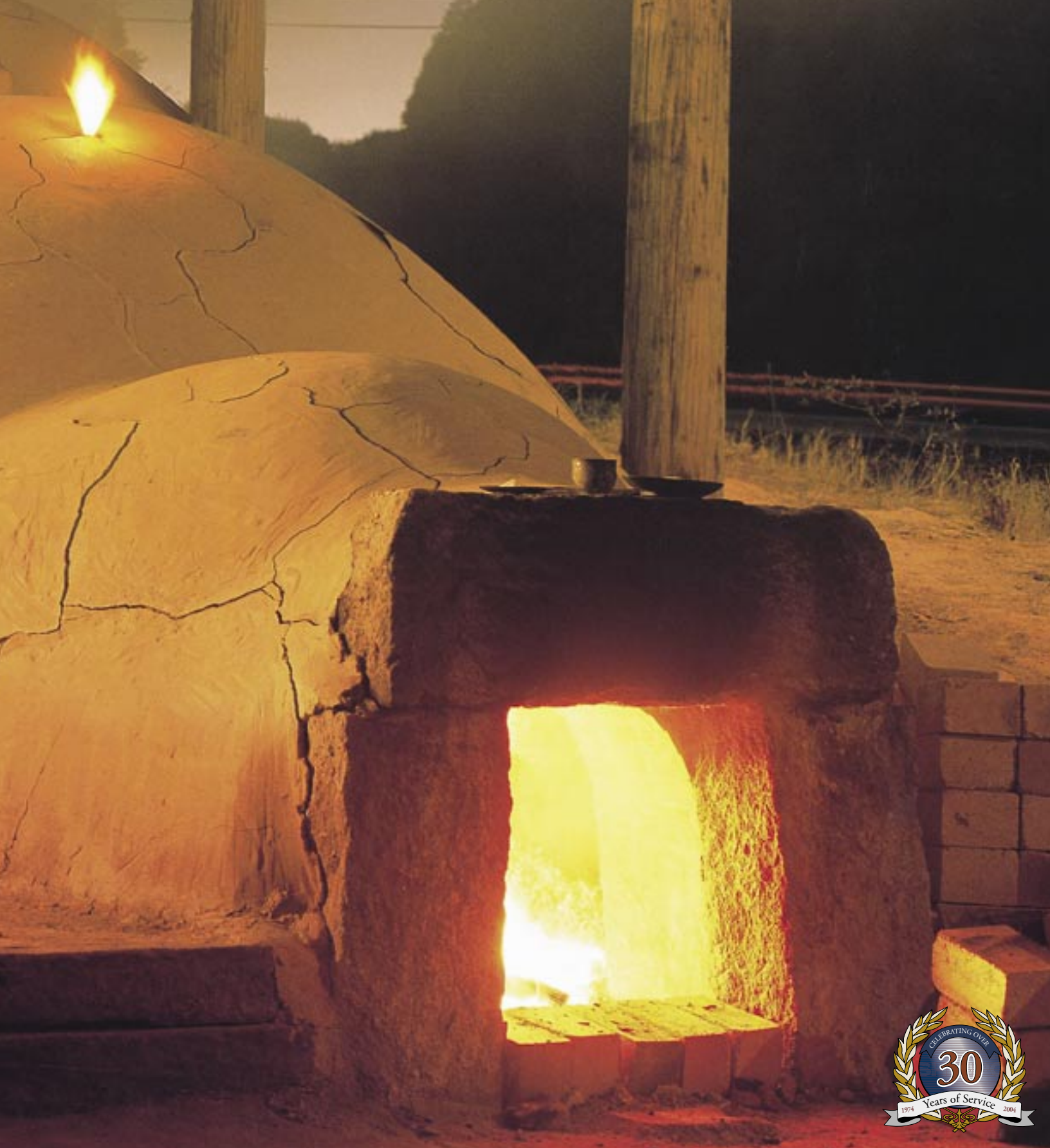


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30 years of Shimpo

Shimpo Ceramics, a division of Nidec-Shimpo America Corporation, manufactures and distributes ceramic equipment worldwide to the satisfaction of artists, teachers, students and businesses of all cultures. For the past thirty years we've been committed to continuing global traditions in making ceramic products for use in the home, in architecture and as art.



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SHIMPO ConeArt Kilns

Choosing the perfect kiln can be an overwhelming project. There are many options and issues to consider. Where do you begin this difficult journey? Right here at Shimpo! The following is a checklist for your convenience while deciding which Shimpo ConeArt Kiln will be the perfect kiln for you.

First answer **four simple questions:**

1. What do you want to accomplish with your new kiln?
2. How much time do you want to put into the firing process?
3. How much space is available for your new kiln?
4. What is the building's electrical service?

Next consult this handy **Check List:**

- ☐ **Inside Dimensions** (What kind of space do you need for the pieces you will be firing?)
- ☐ **Outside Dimensions** (How much space do you have available to situate your kiln, allowing for a minimum of 12" around the entire kiln?)
- ☐ **Manual or Automatic Controller** (Manual includes Kiln Sitter with Timer and Infinite Switches / Automatic includes Bartlett Automatic Controller.)
- ☐ **Consult an electrician on your building's capabilities for the following:**
 1. PHASE
 2. VOLTAGE
 3. AMPS

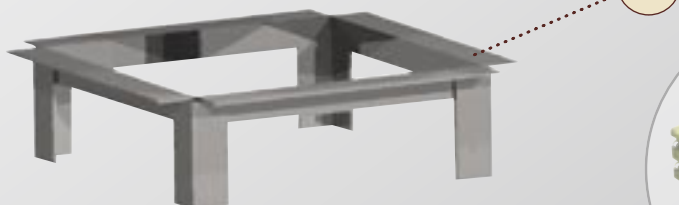
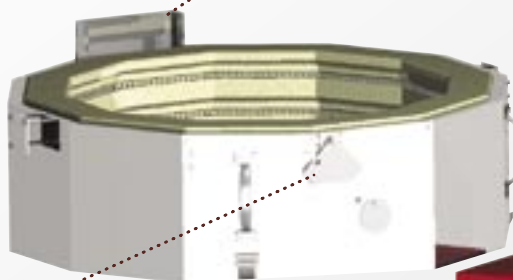
Standard with all Shimpo ConeArt Kilns is Approval from **CSA** (Canadian Standards Association) and **NRTL** (Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory) as well as double wall construction*, floor heating elements, three thermocouples (on automatic kilns 7 cu. feet & larger), wide temperature range up to Cone 10 rating*, built-in peep hole covers, premium quality fire brick & high quality element wire, individual testing prior to shipment, simplified wiring and control box mounting, and built-in gas struts (on round and oval kilns 7 cu. feet & higher, and all glass kilns) for easy lid lifting.

*except for glass kilns

These exceptional Shimpo ConeArt Kilns are extremely energy efficient and allow for precise firing temperatures.

CHOOSING THE PERFECT KILN MEANS CHOOSING A SHIMPO CONEART KILN!

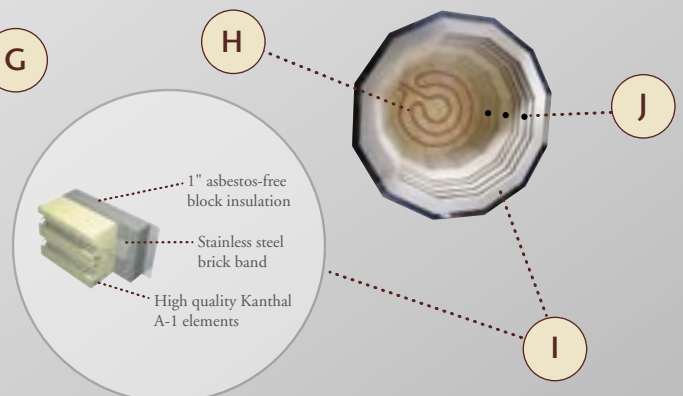
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- a. **Heavy-duty rust-resistant lid hinges**
- b. **Built-in gas struts for easy lid lifting**
- c. **Built-in lid prop**
- d. **Easy access color coded, air-cooled, hinged wiring panel**
- e. **Bartlett V6-CF Automatic Controller or Dawson Kiln Sitter®**
- f. **Stainless steel jacket**
- g. **Welded stainless steel floor stand**
- h. **Floor heating element***
- i. **Double wall construction* (high quality Kanthal A-1 elements inside of premium quality fire brick then a stainless steel brick band, 1" asbestos-free block insulation and finally a stainless steel jacket.)**
- j. **Three effectively placed thermocouples on all automatic kilns 23" x 27" and larger**

Known throughout the world for their unique design and unparalleled heat retaining properties, our double insulated kilns feature two heat retaining walls (instead of a single wall of thicker brick). This extremely energy-efficient design uses substantially less electricity than single wall kilns by placing an extra thick layer of block insulation around the exterior of premium quality fire bricks, enabling the kiln to efficiently reach a true cone 10* as well as create the optimum conditions for the most desirable cooling schedule.

*except for glass kilns



NOTE: Due to the many different worldwide electrical plug configurations, Shimo ConeArt kilns are not equipped with plugs. Your electrician should determine the connection that best suits the kiln and building's power supply. We encourage your electrician to directly wire your kiln into a breaker box as this allows for the safest and most efficient kiln operation.

Model BX2327



FEATURES & BENEFITS

+ DOUBLE WALL CONSTRUCTION USING 1" ASBESTOS-FREE BLOCK INSULATION

- Extends element life
- Minimizes firing time and maximizes cooling time by reducing heat loss
- Slows cooling thus reducing rapid cooling defects
- Substantial reduction in energy costs

+ FLOOR HEATING ELEMENT

- Promotes even heating for optimal firing
- Prevents cold spot in bottom of kiln

+ STAINLESS STEEL BRICK BAND BETWEEN BRICK AND INSULATION

- Gives extra strength to the kiln structure thus preventing kiln distortion

+ HEAVY-DUTY HINGES

- Ensure optimal lid support

+ GAS STRUT LID SUPPORTS

- Easy lid lifting

+ WIDE TEMPERATURE RANGE UP TO CONE 10

- Flexibility in firing style options

+ TWO-YEAR WARRANTY

- Peace of mind

Round Series

The high temperature capabilities of our round kilns allow flexibility as firing requirements change – firing to both high and low temperatures can be achieved with one kiln. Flexibility as well as utility savings is an advantage for all ceramists including individuals in business, schools, recreational centers, retirement homes and museums with ceramics classes.



Model BX4227



Oval Series

Our unique oval kilns are renowned for their extreme durability as well as their even heating and energy-efficient design. For ceramists who require larger firing chambers, Shimpo ConeArt oval kilns are the reliable solution. These kilns offer the same standard features as our round kilns.

FEATURES & BENEFITS

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Glass Series

Many studios are now discovering the possibilities of glass for creating decorative and functional work. New products on the market make glass work accessible to both artist and hobbyist alike. Our glass kilns are designed specifically for the narrow firing range of glass. Their physical design ensures evenness of temperature throughout the kiln chamber. Built with the same quality and craftsmanship as all Shimpo ConeArt Kilns, these models will provide years of trouble-free firing.

FEATURES & BENEFITS

+ HEATING ELEMENTS IN WALLS AND LID

- Provides the even heat distribution needed when firing glass

+ THREE INCH WALLS (Models 2309-S, 2809-S & 4209-S)

- Retains heat which allows for slower cooling

+ GAS STRUT LID SUPPORTS

- Easy lid lifting

+ TWO-YEAR WARRANTY

- Peace of mind



Model BX2309

ORDERING KEY FOR ROUND KILNS

CONTROLLER TYPE	WALL TYPE	PHASE	VOLTAGE
BX: Bartlett Automatic Controller MX: Dawson Kiln Sitter® w/timer & infinite switches	D: Double wall	1: Single phase 3: Three phase	208 240

CONTROLLER	SIZE	WALL	PHASE	VOLTS	INSIDE (in.)	OUTSIDE (in.)	CUBIC FT.	AMPS	WATTS	CONE	WEIGHT (lbs.)
MX OR BX	119	D	1	120	11 x 19	18.5 x 14.5	.75	14.5	1,700	10	130
	1813			208 or 240	17.5 x 13.5	24.6 x 18.5	1.7	19	4,500		200
	1822				17.5 x 22.5	25 x 27.5	3.3	32/28	6,700		240
	2818				28 x 18	31.5 x 35.5	6.56	54.3/47.1	11,500		288
	2327				23 x 27	30.5 x 32	7	55.4/48	10,300		335
	2827				28 x 27	35 x 33	10	72.6/63	15,100		400
	2836				28 x 36	35 x 42	13.3	80/80	16,500/19,200		460

Specifications are for single phase kilns. Three phase configuration available (except models 119, 1813, & 1822). NOTE: Kilns are not equipped with plugs.

ORDERING KEY FOR OVAL KILNS

CONTROLLER TYPE	WALL TYPE	PHASE	VOLTAGE
BX: Bartlett Automatic Controller MX: Dawson Kiln Sitter® w/timer & infinite switches	D: Double wall	1: Single phase 3: Three phase	208 240

CONTROLLER	SIZE	WALL	PHASE	VOLTS	INSIDE (in.)	OUTSIDE (in.)	CUBIC FT.	AMPS	WATTS	CONE	WEIGHT (lbs.)
MX OR BX	3627	D	1	208 or 240	36 x 26 x 27	42.5 x 33.25 x 33	12	79.5/69	16,500	10	475
	4227				42 x 31 x 27	52 x 42 x 34	16.5	79.5/75	16,600/18,000		555
	4236				42 x 31 x 36	52 x 42 x 44	22	100/100	20,800/24,000		640

Specifications are for single phase kilns. Three phase configuration available. NOTE: Kilns are not equipped with plugs.

ORDERING KEY FOR GLASS KILNS

CONTROLLER TYPE	WALL TYPE	PHASE	VOLTAGE
BX: Bartlett Automatic Controller MX: Dawson Kiln Sitter® w/timer & infinite switches	S: Single wall	Single phase	208 240

CONTROLLER	SIZE	WALL	PHASE	VOLTS	INSIDE (in.)	OUTSIDE (in.)	CUBIC FT.	AMPS	WATTS	CONE	WEIGHT (lbs.)
MX OR BX	2309	S	1	208 or 240	23 x 9	28.5 x 14	2.3	24/20	4,800	8	220
	2809				28 x 9	34.5 x 14	3.3	29/25	6,000		260
	4209				42 x 31 x 9	50 x 41 x 15	5.5	37/32	7,700		380

Specifications are for single phase kilns. NOTE: Kilns are not equipped with plugs.



SAMPLE ORDER BREAKDOWN

BX2327D-1240:

BX + **2327** + **D** - **1** + **240**
 Controller Option Interior Size Double Wall Single Phase Volts

ConeArt Counter Balance System

Our counter balance system makes the heaviest kiln lid easy to open. Made from strong and durable aluminum, the counter balance is designed so that the weight sits on the ground, eliminating lid distortion. Standard with Shimpo's newest ConeArt kilns (7 cubic ft. & larger) is our new easy lift lid design providing effortless lifting.

Blank Ring

Need more space in your kiln? Factory installed, our blank ring will increase kiln height by 4 1/2". (Note: Blank ring reduces maximum cone rating by approximately two cones.)

ConeArt Pyrometer

Find out the temperature within the kiln chamber with a glance. The system consists of a double scale meter calibrated to 2500 F/1350 C. Includes mounting bracket, thermocouple and extension wire.

Dawson Kiln Sitter®

Automatic kiln shut off when a pyrometric cone reaches maturity. (includes timer)

Orton KilnVent

The Orton KilnVent system vents fresh air through the kiln, improving glaze color and completely eliminating corrosive and harmful fumes that are potentially harmful to health and can damage kiln elements. Fresh air enters through small holes in the kiln lid and is vented through small holes in the kiln floor to the outside through ducting. The system is easy to install or may be ordered factory installed.

Kiln Furniture

Constructed with high alumina, our shelves and posts are extremely durable and are designed to withstand cone 10 oxidation or reduction atmospheres. Kiln furniture is available separately or pre-packaged kits per kiln size. (Contact your local Shimpo dealer for separate furniture ordering information.)



ACCESSORY	PART #	FITS KILN MODEL
Dawson Kiln Sitter®	KSC1000	ALL except 4227 and 4236
	KSC4000	4227 and 4236
Dawson Kiln Sitter® with Timer	KSC1100	ALL except 4227 and 4236
	KSC4100	4227 and 4236
ConeArt Counter Balance System	KLF0000	Larger Kiln Models (10 cubic feet and up)
ConeArt Pyrometer	KPT0010	ALL
Blank Ring	KBR1822D	1822
	KBR2327D	2327
	KBR2827D	2827
	KBR2836D	2836
	KBR3627D	3627
	KBR4227D	4227
	KBR4236D	4236
Orton KilnVent	KVS0011	ALL

PART #	FITS KILN MODEL	SHELF QTY.	SHELF SIZE	POST QTY. 1" 2" 4" 6" 8"
KFK0119	119	1	10" full	3
KFK1801	1801	1	8" x 9" x 1/2"	3
KFK1813	1813	2	15.5" full	3 3 3 3
KFK1822	1822	3	15.5" full	3 3 3 3
		1	15.5" half	
KFK2327	2327	3	21" full	3 3 6 3 3
		2	21" half	
FK2827	2827	8	26" half	6 6 6 6 6
KFK2836	2836	10	26" half	6 6 12 6 6
KFK3627	3627	3	21" x 10.5" x 3/4"	9 9 9 9 9
		6	21" half	
KFK4227	4227	3	26" x 13" x 3/4"	9 9 9 9 9
		6	26" half	
KFK4236	4236	4	26" x 13" x 3/4"	9 9 18 9 9

VL-WHISPER

what people are saying about the new



“ Speaking as a ceramic teacher, the Whisper is great for a classroom studio, where many wheels usually means I go home hoarse from having to talk over motors for hours. - Chris Matusek

The leg removal option is the best idea ever! Perfect for small studio storage and travel. - C. Drag

Amazingly Quiet! - Jacob Silkever

The smoothest throwing I have ever experienced. So smooth, in fact, it seems to do the centering for me. ”

- Marie G.





Tabletop feature



New space saving storage option is great for freeing up room in your studio!

VL-WHISPER

The superior technology of Shimpo's RK-Whisper potter's wheel and the popular features of Shimpo's Velocity V75 potter's wheel have been combined to create the second model in Shimpo's Whisper series potter's wheels: the VL-Whisper.

Responsive, high torque at all speeds, powerful and we can now say the quietest wheel in the potter's wheel market. It's a "quiet" that must be heard to be believed!

FEATURES & BENEFITS

- + **BRUSHLESS DC MOTOR** *Smooth, quiet, powerful, no maintenance*
- + **ELECTRONIC CONTROLLER** *Maintains desired speed under all load conditions*
- + **BROAD SPEED RANGE** *Allows optimum speed under all load conditions*
- + **REVERSIBILITY** *Accommodates left and right hand users*
- + **BUILT-IN BREAKER** *Motor is protected from overload*
- + **REMOTE FOOT PEDAL & ADJUSTABLE HEIGHT** *Accommodate all throwing positions*
- + **WHEELHEAD TURNS FREELY** *at "0" RPM Serves as a banding wheel*
- + **TWO-PIECE SPLASHPAN** *Completes the package*
- + **TWO-YEAR WARRANTY** *Peace of mind*

SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL	VL-Whisper
MOTOR	1/2 HP, 400W, AC115V, 60Hz
DRIVE SYSTEM	Direct Drive DC Brushless Motor
SPEED CONTROL	Remote Foot Pedal
WHEELHEAD SPEED	0-250rpm
WHEELHEAD DIRECTION	Clockwise/Counter-Clockwise
CENTERING	100 LBS.
WHEELHEAD	14 inch light alloy casting, drilled for bat pins
DIMENSION	23 1/8 x 27 1/2 x 22 3/4 "
SHIP WEIGHT	135 LBS.



Fully Extended



Intermediate heights



Lowest position for tabletop



RK-WHISPER

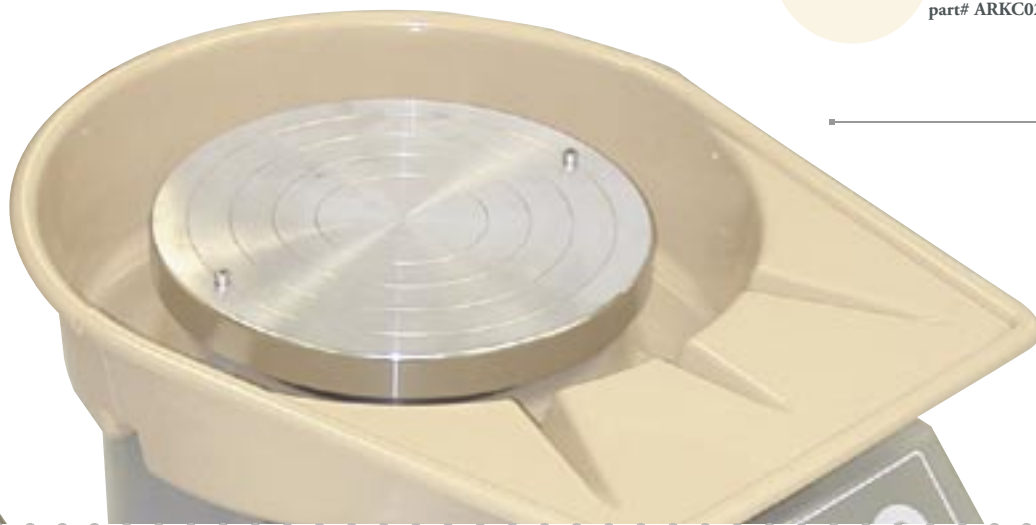
The
RK-Whisper
represents the next
generation of potter's wheels.

Responsive, high torque at all speeds, powerful and quiet. Not just quiet, but QUIET! This wheel is by far the quietest on the market; you can actually throw and hear yourself think at the same time...

The exterior of the "Whisper" resembles the RK-10, but that's where the similarities end! This new wheel features a brushless DC motor and direct drive (no belt) system. The motor is electronically controlled and operated by a fixed foot pedal and hand lever. It's reversible, and the steel body is durable under all conditions. A 12" wheelhead and two-piece splashpan are included as standard features.

RK WHISPER

2-piece splash pan
w/ clips **included**
part# ARKC0205011



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- + **REVERSIBILITY** *Accommodates left and right hand users*
- + **BUILT-IN BREAKER** *Motor is protected from overload*
- + **FIXED FOOT PEDAL w/ HAND LEVER** *Compact design saves space*
- + **WHEELHEAD TURNS FREELY at "0" RPM** *Serves as a banding wheel*
- + **TWO-PIECE SPLASHPAN w/ BUILT-IN TABLE** *Completes the package*
- + **TWO-YEAR WARRANTY** *Peace of mind*

SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL	RK-Whisper
MOTOR	1/2 HP, 400W, AC115V, 60Hz
DRIVE SYSTEM	Direct Drive DC Brushless Motor
SPEED CONTROL	Fixed Foot Pedal w/ hand lever
WHEELHEAD SPEED	0-250rpm
WHEELHEAD DIRECTION	Clockwise/Counter-Clockwise
CENTERING	100 LBS.
WHEELHEAD	12 inch light alloy casting, drilled for bat pins
DIMENSION	20 x 21 x 20 "
SHIP WEIGHT	135 LBS.

SHIMPO OFFERS THE FINEST QUALITY ONE AND TWO PIECE SPLASHPANS:

Two-Piece with Clips

Fits RK-Whisper and RK-10 models manufactured after 1981 and all Master Series wheels when fitted with a 12-inch Wheelhead. Both pieces of the splash pan remove quickly and easily for cleaning or when throwing larger ware. Shorter mounting bolts are required for use with our tables. ARKC0205011: 23" L x 18" W x 5" H / 4.5 lbs.

Two-Piece Interlocking

We've designed the Easy Two-Piece splashpans to incorporate the features you've been requesting. Snug-fitting interlocking design separates easily for cleaning. Manufactured from heavy-duty plastic. Fits all Master, Rk-10, Velocity and Whisper Series wheels and may be used with our tables. AC-001-2PC (Shipped with Velocity Series): 4-1/2" x 19-1/2", 4 lbs./ AC-001-2VL (Shipped with VL-Whisper): 4-1/2" x 19", 4 lbs.

One-Piece Splashpans

Our one-piece pans come in two sizes: large and small. The splashpans attach under the wheelhead and do not require removal for cleaning due to their convenient drain plugs. Constructed of durable flex plastic, our one-piece splashpans resists cracking or breaking and clean easily.

SW-RKP-027 (ONE-PIECE SMALL)

Fits all Master Series (fitted with 12-inch wheelhead), RK-10 and some older RK-2 models. Our table may be used together with this pan as an accessory on wheels listed above (except the M-1 which does not fit a table). 17-1/2" dia. X 5" H, 4 lbs.

SW-RKP-027L (ONE-PIECE LARGE)

This pan fits all Master Series wheels except the M-1 and may be used with the table. 21-1/2" dia x 5" H, 4 lbs.



Ball Mill Rack

Attaches to the all wheels when used with a 12" wheelhead (except the M1). This space-saving rack will allow you variable speed milling and grinding. The rack accommodates jars from 3-1/2" to 9" diameter up to 10" long. Made of heavy-duty cast iron, the unique folding design lets you use your Shimpo wheel for throwing without detaching the rack.

Jigger Arm

Made of heavy-duty cast iron, this adjustable arm assists you in producing jiggered pieces up to 7-1/2" high and 11" in diameter. Attaches to all wheels (except the M1).



table model BPB00165P-HW

Work Tables

Shimpo offers two sizes of solid HDPE plastic work tables which quickly attach to the RK Whisper, RK-10 Basic and Super and older RK-2 models as well as Master Series models (except the M1). The larger table adds approximately four square feet of surface space and for the convenience of the smaller studio we offer a small table which provides approximately two square feet of surface space.

BPB00160P-HW / 15" L x 44" W / 20 lbs.

BPB00165P-HW / 16" L x 21.5" W / 10 lbs.



table model
BPB00160P-HW



BANDING WHEELS

Shimpo's banding wheels are used for decorating, sculpting, carving and hand building. Designed to provide reliably smooth and even rotation for the most delicate applications. It's no wonder they are the banding wheel of choice for studio artists, production potters and classrooms alike. In four different models, we offer a selection of wheelhead diameters and heights.

FEATURES & BENEFITS

- + **SOLID CAST-IRON CONSTRUCTION** *This heavy duty construction ensures many years of use and will hold a spin and stay in place as needed*
- + **SEALED BALL BEARINGS** *Extra smooth and even rotation – no wobbling or sticking*
- + **ONE-PIECE DESIGN** *Will not come apart when lifted*
- + **TOP GRADE PAINT COATING** *Rust-resistant*
- + **ONE YEAR WARRANTY** *Peace of mind*

SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL	BW-30M	BW-25H	BW-25L	BW-22L
DIAMETER	11 3/4"	9 7/8"	9 7/8"	8 3/4"
HEIGHT	4 3/4"	7 1/2"	2 1/4"	2 1/4"
SHIP WEIGHT	28 lbs	19 lbs	15 lbs	13 lbs



NRA-03S

The NRA-03S pug mill features twin augers (typically found only in large industrial machines) in a compact and affordable unit. The remarkable blending and extruding capability of this system produces practically air-free clay without requiring a vacuum.

FEATURES & BENEFITS

- + **HEAVY-DUTY ALUMINUM BODY** *Extremely durable corrosion resistant body prevents clay contamination*
- + **TWIN ALUMINUM MIXING AUGERS** *Blends and extrudes up to 620 lbs/hour; twin augers eliminate single auger spiraling*
- + **REMOVABLE AUGERS AND PLATES** *Fast and easy clean-up is especially convenient for multiple clay body applications*
- + **DUAL SAFETY SYSTEM** *Ignition key prevents unauthorized use; Limit switch stops augers when they are exposed*
- + **COMPACT DESIGN BASIS** *Portable and storable*
- + **BUILT-IN CLAY REST AND CUT OFF WIRE** *Corrosion resistant stainless steel; provides convenience in bagging processed clay*

SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL	NRA-03S
MOTOR	1/3 HP, 250 W, 115 VAC, 60 Hz
TUBE OPENING	3" diameter
HOPPER SIZE	4-3/4" x 6"
DIMENSIONS	36" x 11" x 17"
SHIP WEIGHT	100 lbs.



**Vacuum pump option
(ACC-AV-071)**

PM-071

Add-A-Vac

This flexible design, available with or without an attachable vacuum unit, enables the school or professional to upgrade equipment as needs change.

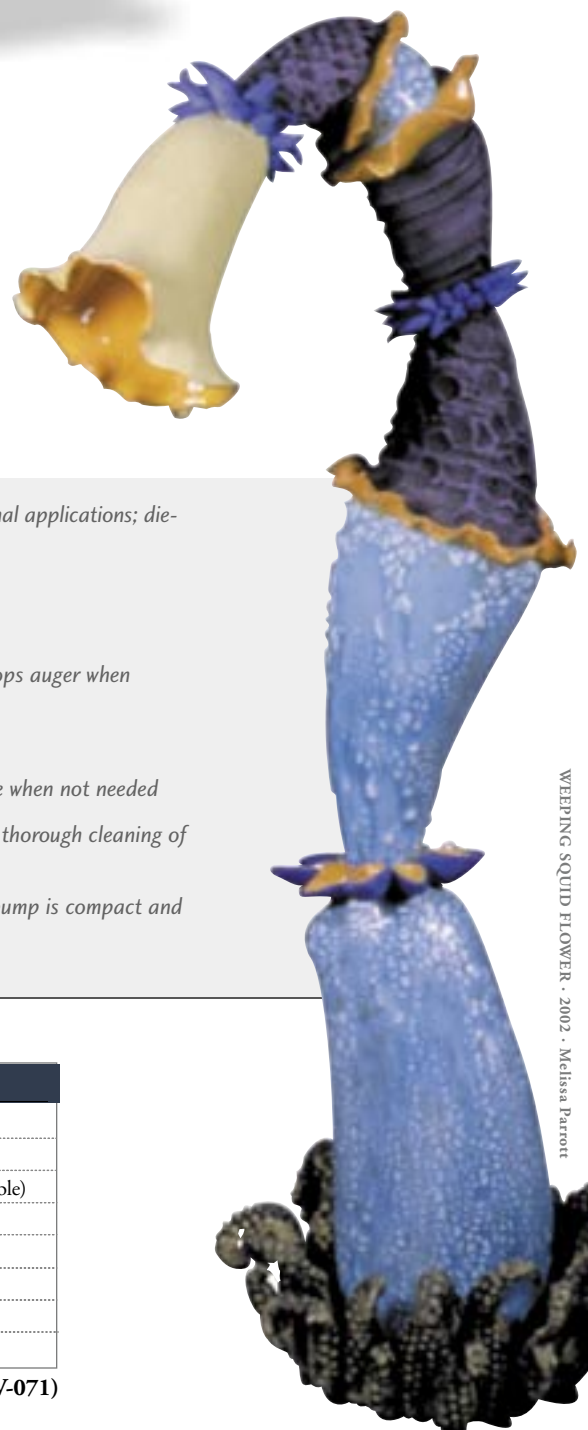
FEATURES & BENEFITS

- + **HEAVY-DUTY ALUMINUM BODY** *Extremely durable design for both school and professional applications; die-cast body resists corrosion, preventing clay body contamination*
- + **UNIQUE FLEXIBLE DESIGN** *Enables one to upgrade equipment as needs grow*
- + **POWERFUL 1 HP MOTOR** *Blends and extrudes clay at 800 lbs/hour*
- + **SPECIAL TRIPLE SAFETY SYSTEM** *Ignition key prevents unauthorized use; limit switch stops auger when exposed; prominent emergency stop button*
- + **STAINLESS STEEL AUGER** *Non-corrosive surface easily moves clay through barrel*
- + **RETRACTABLE CLAY REST** *Convenient for bagging clay; slides under pug mill to save space when not needed*
- + **EASY DISASSEMBLY BOLT SYSTEM** *Designed for easy removal of barrel top, allowing for thorough cleaning of interior*
- + **OPTIONAL VACUUM ATTACHMENT** *Models PM-071V & PM-071V-LS Powerful 1/3 HP pump is compact and easy to attach; operates at the flip of a switch with minimal depreciation of lbs/hour capacity*
- + **ONE YEAR WARRANTY** *Peace of mind*

SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL	PM-071	PM-071V	PM-071V-LS
ADD-A-VAC VACUUM UNIT	n/a	included	included
LIMIT SWITCH	n/a	n/a	included
MOTOR	1 HP, 750 W, 115 VAC, 60 Hz (220 VAC, 50/60 Hz available)		
CAPACITY	800 lbs.		
TUBE OPENING	3" diameter		
HOPPER SIZE	4-3/4" x 4-3/4"		
DIMENSIONS	38" x 12" x 15"		
SHIP WEIGHT	190 lbs	230 lbs	230 lbs

Optional Vacuum Upgrade 1/3 HP, 5.3 Amps, 115 VAC, 60 Hz, pump w/ fittings (ACC-AV-071)



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Shimpo Programs

Shimpo Student Scholars

Our commitment to excellence extends to education as well. Shimpo supports students of all ages by sponsoring their registration at various educational and professional seminars and conferences in the United States and Canada. The Shimpo Student Scholar program was initiated in 1993 in response to the rising costs of education and as a strategy to encourage new interest in the ceramic arts.

Shimpo Tradition of Excellence Corporate Collection

The Shimpo Tradition of Excellence Award demonstrates Shimpo's continuing encouragement and support of contemporary ceramic artists. Started in the early 1990's, award winning pieces are the basis for the Tradition of Excellence Corporate Collection. Each piece has been selected based on its own merits, as well as its contribution to a collection of educational significance. Our collection of past winners' pieces truly represents ceramic art at its finest.



“ My wheel... (is) an early model ring drive that I've had in service since the late 70's. Over 150,000 pieces have been produced on this wheel and it's not showing signs of giving up. ”

Bill Knoble —

Red Truck Clayworks Chestertown, NY

“ We've been converting to Shimpo electric kilns at Southern Illinois University - Carbondale. Shimpo's combination of reliability, features, and durability make their kilns an obvious choice. *The Bartlett computer controllers are accurate, reliable, and easily programmed.* We trust our Shimpo kilns to keep up with the firing demands of 90 students and 3 faculty members. ”

Steve Grimmer —

Southern Illinois University - Carbondale

“ I sat down at my new pottery wheel and have never been happier... I will buy Shimpo again! It's made technically perfect... cleans up like a charm. I can't say enough nice things. I am one happy customer... ”

Kathleen Landon —

Studio Mate Ceramics Chestertown, NY



“ I have been purchasing and repairing Shimpo/Cone Art Kilns and Shimpo wheels... for over ten years now. I have never been able to make much of a living repairing this equipment because it's designed and built to last! ”

Greg Pitts —
Brooklyn, NY

“ ...We love the wheels!

Very smooth and sexy! I really like the free-wheeling capability when it's at idle. ”

Steve Grimmer —

Southern Illinois University - Carbondale

“ We recently demoed the wheel... really nice. Good speed, good action, sturdy foot print and well made. ”

Jim Salazar —

San Ross State University Alpine, Texas





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