



INSTRUCTION MANUAL



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TIME CAPSULE 2000

*Our gift to the future -
history through the eyes of those who lived it.*

One of the most frequently asked questions about
TIME CAPSULE 2000 is

*"Now that I have a Time Capsule what should I put in it,
where should I put it, and how should I preserve
the capsule and its contents?"*

The *what* and *where* are limited only by your imagination - just about any item you may wish to include can be preserved, and your time capsule is constructed to last indefinitely whether displayed on a pedestal or in a display cabinet, stored in an attic, buried underground or within a foundation, installed in an exterior wall, or suspended in a plexiglass tower - all options which have been chosen by our clients.

Our personnel researched the most suitable design and material for the **TIME CAPSULE 2000** itself and, although we do not profess to be authorities regarding preservation, are confident that if our preservation instructions are followed the contents of your time capsule will last indefinitely. Since oxygen is the deteriorating element we believe the most effective way to preserve the integrity of your time capsule and its contents is to remove the air and replace it with an inert gas. The contents of your time capsule may also be preserved individually if you prefer. Conservation materials and advice may be found on the Internet, and curators of local and national museums may have additional suggestions.

We hope that you will enjoy choosing which artifacts to preserve to tell future generations about our lives in today's world, and that your **TIME CAPSULE 2000** project brings you great pleasure.

PRESERVATION

With regard to the sealing and preservation of the **TIME CAPSULE 2000** and its contents, a few of our clients have shared their choices with us. Some have chosen to seal each of the contents individually following conservation guidelines, some have had the lid welded on after the **TIME CAPSULE 2000** has been filled. Your method of preservation is a personal choice.

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Simply place your chosen artifacts inside the time capsule, place the nitrile gasket between the lid and the flange, screw the lid onto your time capsule leaving two screw holes open, then take your time capsule to a local bottled gas supplier.



The gas technician will calculate the volume of gas needed from the size of your time capsule. Argon or nitrogen are the most commonly used gases and typically come in a gas bottle with a low pressure hose and a hand operated push valve. The valve end will be placed into a tube, which will then be inserted into the time capsule through one of two screw holes. Since the gas is heavier than air it will push the air out of the other screw hole, and will prevent the air from returning to the time capsule while the screws are being replaced.

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