## Cool Cube' Best Practices

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- Prep the PCM (phase change material) panels before use according to one of the described methods provided by VeriCor.
- **□** Ensure all components are clean and free of damage.
- □ Lay panels flat when turning them solid (to disperse liquid throughout the panel).
- □ Enable ample air flow around all panel sides.
  - Use spacers (pencils) or racks.  $\rightarrow$
- Freezing/melting times vary depending on number of panels being prepped and equipment being used.



- Assemble using all six panels for maximum hold time.
  - Using less panels does not change the holding temperature, but does decrease the hold time.
- Panels are reusable (10,000+ cycles).
  - End-of-life disposal: Panels are a plastic #2, typically recycled by businesses/communities. PCM is nontoxic and readily biodegradable.
- Use a calibrated data logger or other temperature monitoring device to observe internal temperature.
- Avoid unnecessary opening of the Cool Cube™ after loading payload. Opening of the Cool Cube™ will decrease hold time.
- An infrared temperature thermometer can assist in ensuring the panels reach a safe pack-out temperature (good for finding out the approximate temperature of each panel).
- □ The farther the ambient temperatures are from the melting point, the quicker PCM will change states (solidify/liquefy).





panel, equipment available & purpose.



Assemble PCM Panels





## Prep Method C: Standard Freezer Prep to keep product frozen



## Panel Prep

2.1 Store panels in a standard freezer (turned down to its lowest setting) for a minimum of 24 hours before use. Unless the freezer is always below -23°C, the PCM (phase change material inside the panel) will never turn completely solid, but short-term use is still possible.\*

\* Although PCM is liquid, it is at the temperature of storage environment after 3 hours. For instance, panels stored in a -18°C freezer are at -18°C even PCM is liquid. Assembling the Cool Cube™ with this additional thermal mass will keep product frozen, just for a shorter amount of time than the lab-validated results.

2.2 Shake panels to check the state of the PCM (phase change material inside the panel).

- If *liquid*...panel is at the freezer temp but above -20°C; anticipate shorter hold times.
- If *solid...* panel is at the freezer temp but below -23°C; ideal for maximum hold times.
- If *solid/liquid combination...*panel is at the freezer temp between -23 and -20°C; monitor longer use periods.

PCM Panel Shake Test			Lal	ISTA 7D Thermal Performance Study Lab-Qualified Hold Times When Starting with Solid PCM			
					Qualified Temp:	-50 to -15°C	
Lab Freezer Temp PCM Physics				Cool Cube™ 03	Utilizing Six (6)	62 hrs	
Colder	-23°C -20°C	Warmer		Cool Cube™ 08	Lab Freezer Temp	60 hrs	
	(-9.4°F) (-4°F)			Cool Cube™ 28	PCM Panels	94 hrs	
Solid	Solid/Liquid	Liquid		Cool Cube™ 96	(Grey Tab/Label)	139 hrs	
Combination				Times listed are based on lab-validated, 24-hour cycles of a summer profile (hot ambient temperatures) without the additional thermal mass of a payload, which if conditioned properly, will improve hold times. Actual performance times may vary.			

