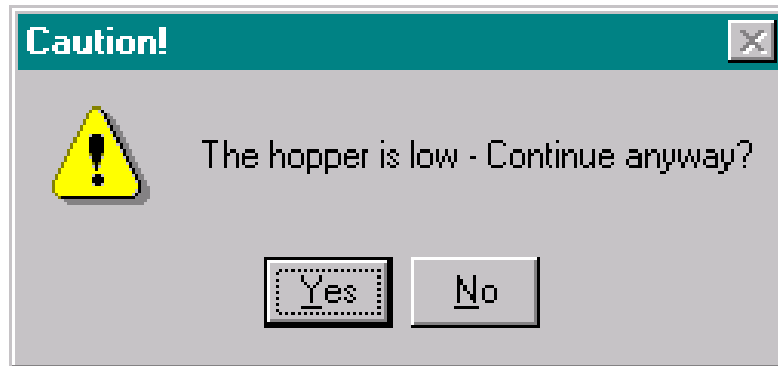


Filling the Tube Hopper

If the Aliquot tubes in the tube hopper are getting low, this dialog box appears on the screen.



The system will continue operating until the hopper is empty and then it will pause and display this dialog box:



1. Click **Yes** or **OK** depending on the message.
2. Open the side door at the right end of the SPS enclosure. Then slide the roof panel back to give you more head room. (The SPS system stops as soon as you open the door.)
3. Open the lid of the tube hopper by lifting the right side and swinging it on its hinge to the left.
4. Place empty Aliquot tubes into the hopper sideways as shown in the diagram below. It doesn't matter if some tubes face right and some face left, as long as they are all sideways.

This tube will jam the hopper if you don't turn it sideways.



?? How Full Can I Fill the Hopper?

Fill it level with the top of the hopper, but not so full that the lid won't close properly. If you put too many Aliquot tubes in the hopper, some will be spit out of the top when the system starts running again.

The hopper can hold about 300 tubes.

5. Close the lid of the hopper.
6. Slide the enclosure's roof panel closed and close the enclosure door. The system will start processing specimen containers again when you close the door.

Tip!

You can fill the hopper any time – you don't have to wait for a message to appear. The system will pause when you open the enclosure door and resume when you close it again after filling the hopper.