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**Operating Instructions For Hydrogen Sulfide Monitor** (Part Number: 382015)

## **Technical Summary**

### **Physical Specifications:**

Dimensions  $(74 \pm 1 \text{ mm}) \times (41 \pm 1 \text{ mm}) \times (1 \text{ mm})$ 

Weight 1.5 g Refrigerated shelf life 2 years

Color change pale blue to gray

## Sampling Parameters:

Exposure level 2.0 ppm·hr 0.25 ppm Minimum detectable limit (8 hours) Maximum recommended sampling time 48 hours Minimum recommended sampling time 15 minutes Relative humidity range 15% - 90% Face velocity range 10 - 150 cm/sec 50°F - 104°F Temperature range Light effect – UV (direct sunlight) no effect Light effect - visible no effect Color stability 6 days

### Applications:

The SafeAir hydrogen sulfide badge may be used for personnel or area monitoring for exposure times ranging from 15 minutes to 48 hours.

#### **Cross Interferences:**

No interferences are known.

#### Introduction

Hydrogen sulfide is a colorless gas with a strong odor resembling rotten eggs. Continuous exposure to low concentrations (15 - 20 ppm) generally causes irritation to the mucous membranes. It may also cause headaches and dizziness. High concentrations (200 - 300 ppm) can result in respiratory arrest leading to unconsciousness. Exposure for more than 30 minutes at concentrations as high as 700 ppm has been fatal. Continuous inhalation of low concentrations may cause loss of the sense of smell which makes the detection of its presence by odor ineffective. OSHA exposure limit for hydrogen sulfide is 20 ppm (TWA). NIOSH exposure limit for hydrogen sulfide is 10 ppm (TWA).

Hydrogen sulfide is a widely spread pollutant. It is emitted as a byproduct in many industries such as oil refineries, production of sulfuric acid, leather, gelatin, artificial silk and sugar. As a product of normal biodegradation of bioproducts, hydrogen sulfide is spread in waste water treatment locations.

# **Principle of Operation**

The SafeAir hydrogen sulfide badge is a monitoring system designed to indicate the presence of hydrogen sulfide at concentrations below the permissible exposure limit. The SafeAir hydrogen sulfide badge detects the presence of hydrogen sulfide by forming a color change in the shape of an exclamation mark inside the triangle. This indication is produced by a color-forming reaction which occurs when hydrogen sulfide reacts with a flat indicator layer.

# **Operating Instructions**

- 1. Remove the pouch from the refrigerator and allow it to warm to room temperature.
- 2. Remove the badge from its protective pouch.
- 3. For personnel monitoring, attach the badge near the user's breathing zone (i.e. the collar) with the front side exposed to the surrounding atmosphere.
- 4. For area monitoring, attach the badge to a stand and mount in a centralized area with the front side exposed to the surrounding atmosphere.
- 5. The exclamation mark appears within the triangle when hydrogen sulfide is present. Please note that the exclamation mark will appear underneath the printed exposure dose (sensitivity).
- 6. To obtain the average concentration, divide the exposure dose (ppm-hr) by the exposure time in hours (hr).

## Storage

The SafeAir hydrogen sulfide badge should be refrigerated in its sealed bag at all times.

#### **Benefits**

- 1. Accurate Detection: The SafeAir hydrogen sulfide badge is designed to react selectively with hydrogen sulfide with no interference from other substances.
- 2. Applications: The SafeAir badge may be used for personnel screening and for area monitoring or area mapping.
- 3. Ease of Use: The SafeAir badge is a direct-read device that gives immediate, on-site results.

#### Other Available Monitors

SafeAir Badges:

Ammonia Formaldehyde Phosgene Aromatic Isocyanates Hydrazine Phosgene Dura Carbon Monoxide Hydrogen Chloride Phosgene Medi Chlorine Mercurv Sulfur Dioxide Chlorine/Chlorine Dioxide Ozone

2. SafeAir Color Comparators:

Chlorine Hydrogen Chloride Phosgene Dura Chloroformates<sup>1</sup> Phosgene Phosgene Medi Hvdrazine  $TDI^2$ 

Phosgene ext. range

If you require SafeAir monitors for a chemical hazard not listed, please contact Morphix Technologies<sup>®</sup> for a free compound consultation at (800) 808-2234.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> To be used with the SafeAir phosgene badges

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> To be used with the SafeAir aromatic isocyanates badges