



**Operating Instructions  
Ammonia Monitor  
(Part Number: 380003)**

**Introduction**

Ammonia is a colorless gas with a sharp, irritating odor. It is a typical respiratory and eye irritant. Depending on the concentration, it may cause burning sensations, coughing, wheezing, headaches and conjunctivitis. High exposures cause caustic skin burns, eye swelling with possible loss of vision, shortness of breath and nausea. Ammonia causes chemical pneumonitis (deep lung inflammation) and pulmonary edema (abnormal fluid buildup in the lungs). OSHA PEL (permissible exposure limit) for general industry is 50 ppm (TWA). NIOSH REL (recommended exposure limit) for ammonia is 25 ppm (TWA).

Ammonia is a commonly used chemical. As a product of normal biodegradation of bio products, it is spread as a pollutant in poultry plants and animal farms. Ammonia is used in the production of nitric acid, ammonia salts, fertilizers, leather, cooling and freezing systems, cleaning liquids, etc.

**Principle of Operation**

The ChromAir passive monitor is a patented direct-read autogenic exposimeter. The device is constructed from six cells attached on one side to a flat indicator layer and on the other side to a series of different diffusive resistances. Ammonia gas diffuses to the cells through the different diffusive resistances and reacts with the indicator layer, producing color change from tan to beige to black. The color produced on the indicator layer is a direct measure of the exposure dose. Visual color comparison is achieved by observing the formation of the beige threshold color on the individual cell and reading the corresponding exposure dose.

**Physical Specifications:**

Dimensions	10.5 cm x 5.5 cm x 0.25 cm
Weight	11 g
Refrigerated shelf life	1 year
Color change	tan to black

**Sampling Parameters:**

Exposure range for:	
Badge	4 - 300 ppm•hr
Maximum recommended sampling time	16 hours
Minimum recommended sampling time	5 minutes
Relative humidity range	15% - 90%
Face velocity range	10 - 168 cm/sec
Temperature range	10°C - 40°C (50°F - 104°F)
Light effect - UV (direct sunlight)	not recommended*
Light effect - visible	no effect
Known Interferences	aliphatic amines

\*The back of the badge (viewing area) **should not** be exposed to direct sun light at any time.

**Operating Instructions**

1. Allow the badge to warm to room temperature prior to removing the badge from its protective pouch
3. Enter all pertinent information on the label before monitoring is started (i.e. name, location, date and start time).
4. For personnel monitoring, attach the badge near the user's breathing zone (i.e. collar) with the front side exposed to the surrounding atmosphere.
5. For area monitoring, attach the badge to a stand and mount in a centralized area with the front side exposed to the surrounding atmosphere.
6. Check the back side of the badge periodically to determine the exposure dose (ppm•hr).
7. To read the badge, locate the highest level cell with beige threshold color.
8. To obtain the average concentration (ppm) in the surrounding atmosphere, divide the exposure dose (ppm•hr) by the exposure time in hours.  
EXAMPLE: If the sampling time is 2 hours and the badge reads 4 ppm•hr, the average concentration is determined by:  
 $\frac{4 \text{ ppm}\cdot\text{hr}}{2 \text{ hr}}$  Therefore the average concentration is 2 ppm.

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