



## Operating Instructions Ammonia Badge (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*

*\*Final color is humidity dependent. Low humidity final color is black, high humidity final color is green/black.*

### Sampling Parameters:

Exposure Dose Range	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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**Operating Instructions  
Carbon Monoxide Badge  
(Part Number: 380008)**

**Introduction**

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas. It is a commonly used industrial gas which is both highly toxic and odorless. Symptoms of exposure to carbon monoxide include headaches, palpitations, dizziness, weakness and nausea. Low levels of carbon monoxide in air, which is not immediately hazardous to life, may impair reaction time or sensory perception. Chronic exposure to low levels of carbon monoxide may adversely affect the cardiovascular system. Loss of consciousness and death may result from continued or more intense exposure. OSHA PEL (permissible exposure limit) for carbon monoxide is 50 ppm (TWA). NIOSH REL (recommended exposure limit) for carbon monoxide is 35 ppm (TWA).

Carbon monoxide is a widely spread air pollutant. It is a byproduct in the combustion of gasoline, diesel, kerosene and coal fuel; therefore, carbon monoxide may exist in different industries, residential areas and highways.

**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. Carbon monoxide gas diffuses to the cells through the different diffusive resistances and reacts with the indicator layer, producing color change from light brown to brown 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 brown 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
Shelf life – <b>Must be Stored &lt;32°F/0°C</b>	1 year
Color change	light brown to dark brown/black

**Sampling Parameters:**

Exposure Dose Range	10 - 525 ppm•hr
Maximum recommended sampling time	48 hours
Minimum recommended sampling time	5 minutes
Relative humidity range	19% - 85%
Face velocity range	10 - 165 cm/sec
Temperature range	10°C - 45°C (50°F - 113°F)
Light effect - UV (direct sunlight)	no effect
Light effect - visible	no effect
Known Interferences	alkenes, hydrogen sulfide, and hydrogen

**Operating Instructions**

1. Allow the badge to warm to room temperature prior to removing the badge from its protective pouch.
2. Enter all pertinent information on the label before monitoring is started (i.e. name, location, date and start time).
3. Prior to exposure, remove the protective strip from the first cell on the front of the badge.
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 brown 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 10 ppm•hr, the average concentration is determined by:  

$$\frac{10 \text{ ppm}\cdot\text{hr}}{2 \text{ hr}}$$
Therefore the average concentration is 5 ppm.

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## Operating Instructions Chlorine Badge (Part Number: 380004)

### Introduction

Chlorine is a greenish-yellow gas with a pungent, irritating odor. Generally, chlorine is a potent respiratory system irritant. Mild exposures to chlorine cause burning of eyes, nose and mouth. Exposure to high concentrations (e.g. 1000 ppm) is likely to be fatal. The NIOSH REL (recommended exposure limit) for chlorine is 0.5 ppm (ceiling), whereas the OSHA PEL (permissible exposure limit) is 1ppm (ceiling).

Chlorine is an important chemical commodity widely used in the production of safe drinking water. It is also extensively used in the production of paper products, dyestuffs, textiles, petroleum products, chlorinated solvents, 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. Chlorine gas diffuses to the cells through the different diffusive resistances and reacts with the indicator layer, producing color change from yellow to orange. 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 orange 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	yellow to orange

### Sampling Parameters:

Exposure Dose Range	0.4 - >13 ppm•hr
Maximum recommended sampling time	2 days
Minimum recommended sampling time	15 minutes
Relative humidity range	35% - 85%
Face velocity range	5 - 150 cm/sec
Temperature range	10°C - 35°C (59°F - 95°F)
Light effect - UV (direct sunlight)	no effect
Light effect - visible	no effect
Known Interferences	bromine, iodine and hydrogen chloride

### Operating Instructions

1. Allow the badge to warm to room temperature prior to removing the badge from its protective pouch.
2. Enter all pertinent information on the label before monitoring is started (i.e. name, location, date and start time).
3. For personnel monitoring, attach the badge near the user's breathing zone (i.e. 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. Check the back side of the badge periodically to determine the exposure dose (ppm•hr).
6. To read the badge, locate the highest level cell with orange threshold color.
7. 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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**Operating Instructions  
Formaldehyde Badge  
(Part Number: 380007)**

**Introduction**

Formaldehyde is a colorless gas with a pungent, suffocating odor. It is a potent irritant to eyes, nose and throat. The most common effects of low level formaldehyde inhalation are eye, nose and upper respiratory irritation. Chronic symptoms of exposure are itching eyes, dry and sore throat, and possible difficulty in sleeping and unusual thirst after awakening. OSHA PEL (permissible exposure limit) for formaldehyde is 0.75 ppm (TWA). NIOSH REL (recommended exposure limit) is 0.016 ppm (TWA). NIOSH also recommends that formaldehyde be handled as a potential occupational carcinogen in the workplace.

Formaldehyde workplace exposure occurs because of its extensive use as an industrial chemical in the manufacturing of resins for adhesives, plastics, coatings and fabrics. Additional exposure to formaldehyde emissions comes from its use as a fumigant and sterilant. The major source of atmospheric discharge of formaldehyde is from combustion processes, specifically from the photo-oxidation of hydrocarbons in auto emissions.

**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. Formaldehyde gas diffuses to the cells through the different diffusive resistances and reacts with the indicator layer, producing color change from yellowish-brown to brown. The color produced on the indicator layer is a direct measure of the exposure dose. Visual color is achieved by observing the formation of the brown 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	yellowish-brown to brown

**Sampling Parameters:**

Exposure Dose Range	0.3 - 12 ppm•hr
Maximum recommended sampling time	2 days
Minimum recommended sampling time	15 minutes
Relative humidity range	30% - 80%
Face velocity range	5 - 150 cm/sec
Temperature range	16°C - 35°C (61°F - 95°F)
Light effect - UV (direct sunlight)	no effect
Light effect – visible	no effect
Known Interferences	acrolein

**Operating Instructions**

1. Allow the badge to warm to room temperature prior to removing the badge from its protective pouch.
2. Enter all pertinent information on the label before monitoring is started (i.e. name, location, date and start time).
3. For personnel monitoring, attach the badge near the user's breathing zone (i.e. 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. Check the back side of the badge periodically to determine the exposure dose (ppm•hr).
6. To read the badge, locate the highest level cell with brown threshold color.
7. 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 2 ppm•hr, the average concentration is determined by:  $\frac{2 \text{ ppm}\cdot\text{hr}}{2 \text{ hr}}$ . Therefore the average concentration is 1 ppm.

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**Operating Instructions  
Glutaraldehyde Badge  
(Part Number: 380017)**

**Introduction**

Glutaraldehyde is a colorless liquid with an irritating odor. It has an odor threshold in the ppb level. Glutaraldehyde may be fatal if inhaled, swallowed or absorbed through the skin. Symptoms of exposure may include burning sensations, headache, coughing, shortness of breath, nausea and vomiting. To the best of our knowledge, toxicological, chemical and physical properties have not been thoroughly studied. NIOSH STEL is 0.2 ppm.

Glutaraldehyde is used extensively in the medical field. It is used in hospitals for cold sterilization of medical supplies and instruments. Glutaraldehyde is also used as a disinfectant in urology, endoscopy and dental departments.

**Principle of Operation**

The ChromAir passive monitor is a patented direct-read autogenic exposimeter. The device is constructed from five cells attached on one side to a flat indicator layer and on the other side to a series of different diffusive resistances. Glutaraldehyde vapor diffuses to the cells through the different diffusive resistances and reacts with the indicator layer, producing color change from pink to violet. The color produced on the indicator layer is a direct measure of the concentration in ppm. Visual color comparison is achieved by observing the formation of the violet threshold color on the individual cell and reading the corresponding concentration.

**Physical Specifications:**

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

***Store badges refrigerated at all times.***

**Sampling Parameters:**

Exposure Dose Range	0.04 - 0.95 ppm
Relative humidity range	25% - 85%
Face velocity range	10 - 165 cm/sec
Temperature range	15°C - 35°C (59°F - 95°F)
Light effect - UV (direct sunlight)	no effect
Light effect – visible	no effect
Known Interferences:	No interferences are known

**Operating Instructions**

1. Allow the badge to warm to room temperature prior to removing the badge from its protective pouch.
2. Enter all pertinent information on the I.D. label before monitoring is started (i.e. name, location, date and start time).
3. Remove the scavenger strip from the front of the badge.
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. Expose the badge 15 minutes.
7. At the end of the exposure period (15 minutes), **return the badge to its original pouch and let stand for 45 minutes at room temperature to allow complete development of color. Read the badge no later than 3 hours after exposure.**
8. At the end of the development period, locate the highest level cell with violet

threshold color and read the corresponding average concentration from the scale.

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**Operating Instructions  
Mercury Badge  
(Part Number: 380018)**

**Introduction**

Mercury is a silver-white, heavy, mobile, liquid metal with no specific odor. It is readily absorbed through the skin, the gastrointestinal tract and the respiratory tract. Chronic exposure may cause inflammation of the mouth and gums, kidney damage, muscle tremors, depression and nervousness. Mercury spills and heated mercury are particularly hazardous. OSHA PEL (permissible exposure limit) in the general industry for mercury is .1 mg/10 m<sup>3</sup>(TWA). NIOSH REL (recommended exposure limit) for mercury is 0.05 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA).

Mercury is used in barometers, thermometers, hydrometers, pyrometers, and in mercury arc lamps producing ultraviolet rays. It is also used in pharmaceuticals, agricultural chemicals and antifouling paints.

**Principle of Operation**

The ChromAir badge is a patented direct-read colorimetric device to indicate the presence of mercury at relevant exposure doses. The badge is constructed from five cells attached on one side to a colorimetric sensor and on the other side to a series of different diffusive resistances. Mercury vapor diffuses through the different diffusive resistances and reacts with the sensor, producing color change from white to purple. The color produced on the sensor is a direct measure of the exposure dose. Observe the formation of the threshold color on the individual cell and read the corresponding exposure dose.

**Physical Specifications:**

Dimensions	10.5 cm x 5.5 cm x 0.25 cm
Weight	11 g
Shelf life (<45°F/7°C)	1 year
Color change	white to purple

**Sampling Parameters:**

Exposure dose range	0.125 – 1.6 mg/m <sup>3</sup> •hr
Maximum recommended sampling time	12 hours
Minimum recommended sampling time	15 minutes
Relative humidity range	10% - 85%
Face velocity range	5 - 150 cm/sec
Temperature range	12°C - 39°C (54°F-102°F)
Light effect - UV (direct sunlight)	not recommended
Light effect - visible	no effect
Known Interferences:	arsine, phosphine (hydrides)

**Operating Instructions**

1. Allow the badge to warm to room temperature prior to removing the badge from its protective pouch.
2. Enter all pertinent information on the label before monitoring is started (i.e. name, location, date and start time).
3. For personnel monitoring, attach the badge near the user's breathing zone (i.e. 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. Check the back side of the badge periodically to determine the exposure dose (mg/m<sup>3</sup>•hr).
6. To read the monitor, locate the highest level cell with threshold color.
7. To obtain the average concentration (mg/m<sup>3</sup>), divide the exposure dose (mg/m<sup>3</sup>•hr) by the exposure time in hours. Example: If the sampling time is 2 hours and the badge reads 0.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>•hr, the average concentration is determined by:

$$\frac{0.5 \text{ mg/m}^3 \cdot \text{hr}}{2 \text{ hr}} \quad \text{Therefore the average concentration is } 0.25 \text{ mg/m}^3.$$

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## Operating Instructions Ozone Monitor (Part Number: 380010)

### Introduction

Ozone is a bluish gas with a pleasant, characteristic odor in concentrations of less than 2 ppm. In higher concentrations, the odor is pungent and irritating. Ozone is a severe irritant to the eyes and the mucous membranes. Long-term exposures will cause pulmonary edema (abnormal fluid buildup in the lungs) and chronic respiratory disease. OSHA and NIOSH exposure limit for ozone is 0.1 ppm (TWA).

Ozone is used as a disinfectant for air and water. It is also used to bleach waxes, textiles and oils.

### 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. Ozone gas diffuses to the cells through the different diffusive resistances and reacts with the indicator layer, producing color change from blue to light blue and finally to white upon high exposure. 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 light blue threshold color on the 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	blue to white

### Sampling Parameters:

Exposure Dose Range	0.08 – 1.6 ppm•hr
Maximum recommended sampling time	10 hours
Minimum recommended sampling time	5 minutes
Relative humidity range	20% - 90%
Face velocity range	10 - 165 cm/sec
Temperature range	16°C - 30°C (61°F - 86°F)
Light effect - UV (direct sunlight)	not recommended*
Light effect - visible	no effect
Known Interferences	hydrogen peroxide, and nitrogen dioxide up to 1 ppm

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

### Operating Instructions

1. Allow the badge to warm to room temperature prior to removing the badge from its protective pouch.
2. Enter all pertinent information on the I.D. label before monitoring is started (i.e. name, location, date and start time)
3. For personnel monitoring, attach the badge near the user's breathing zone (i.e. 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 and the back side protected from exposure to direct sunlight.
5. Check the back side of the badge periodically to determine the exposure dose (ppm•hr).
6. To read the badge, locate the highest level cell with light blue threshold color.
7. 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 0.08 ppm•hr, the average concentration is determined by:  
$$\frac{0.08 \text{ ppm}\cdot\text{hr}}{2 \text{ hr}}$$
 Therefore the average concentration is 0.04 ppm.

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