

Gas Detection For Life Application Brief

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Gas Monitoring for Sterilization Processes

Sterilization Applications

With the COVID-19 pandemic there has been an increase in disinfecting and sterilizing processes worldwide. Most of these processes include conditioning an area or an item with a desired concentration to perform the sterilization phase. **Hydrogen peroxide, chlorine dioxide, and ozone** are mainly used in this application.





What is Hydrogen Peroxide?

Hydrogen peroxide (H2O2) is a colorless liquid at room temperature with a bitter taste. Small amounts of gaseous hydrogen peroxide occur naturally in the air. Hydrogen peroxide is unstable, decomposing readily to oxygen and water with release of heat. Although nonflammable, it is a powerful oxidizing agent that can cause spontaneous combustion when it comes in contact with organic material. Hydrogen peroxide is found in many households at

low concentrations (3-9%) for medicinal applications and as a bleach for hair and clothing. In other industries, hydrogen peroxide is used in higher concentrations as a bleach for textiles and paper, as a rocket fuel component, and for producing foam rubber and organic chemicals.

Exposure Symptoms

Irritation of eyes, nose & throat; corneal ulcer; skin redness, blistered skin.

Respirator Recommendations Begin at 10 ppm

| Exposure Limits | NIOSH ACHIH OSHA | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------|--|
| | 8 Hours | IDLH | |
| Hydrogen Peroxide H2O2 | | | |
| HOOH | 1 ppm | 75 ppm | |

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What is Chlorine Dioxide?

Chlorine dioxide (CIO2) is a yellow-green gas with an odor similar to chlorine with excellent distribution, penetration and sterilization properties due to its gaseous nature. Although chlorine dioxide has chlorine in its name, its properties are very different, much like carbon dioxide is different than elemental carbon. Chlorine dioxide has been recognized as a disinfectant since the early 1900s and has been approved by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the



US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for many applications. It has been demonstrated as an effective broad spectrum, anti-inflammatory, antibacterial, fungicidal, and virucidal agent, as well as a deodorizer.

Exposure Symptoms

Irritation of eyes, nose & throat; cough, wheezing, chronic bronchitis

Respirator Recommendations

Begin at 1 ppm

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| Exposure Limits | NIOSH OSHA | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| | 8hr TWA | 15 min STEL | |
| Chlorine Dioxide ClO2 | | | |
| Clo, O Chlorine Dioxide | 0.1 ppm | 0.3 ppm | |



What is Ozone?

Ozone (O3) is gaseous molecule primarily found in Earth's upper atmosphere. It is a pale blue gas with a pungent smell similar to chlorine. Ozone is a powerful oxidant. With its third oxygen molecule, it is able to destroy germs, viruses, and microbes that may cause surface or air contamination.

Exposure Symptoms Cough, throat irritation, chest pains

from inflammation, wheezing, shorntess of breath

Respirator Recommendations

Begin at 1 ppm

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| Exposure Limits | NIOSH OSHA | | |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| | 8hr TWA | 15 min STEL | |
| Ozone O3 | | | |
| | 0.1 ppm | 0.3 ppm | |

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RKI Solutions

RKI offers portable and fixed system solutions for hydrogen peroxide, chlorine dioxide, and ozone depending on the need.





The EAGLE is a 6-channel sample-drawing portable monitor that can be configured to detect hydrogen peroxide, chlorine dioxide, ozone and other gases if needed.

- 0 3.00 ppm and 0.02 resolution for H2O2 *lowest initial reading is 0.18 ppm*
- 0 1.00 ppm and 0.01 resolution CIO2 *lowest initial reading is 0.06 ppm*

0 – 1.00 ppm and 0.01 resolution O3 *lowest initial reading is 0.06 ppm*



SC-8000

The SC-8000 is a single gas portable monitor with an internal sampling pump and a range of:

- 0 3.00 ppm and 0.02 resolution for H2O2 *lowest initial reading is 0.09 ppm*
- 0 1.00 ppm and 0.01 resolution O3 *lowest initial reading is 0.03 ppm*



GD-70D

The GD-70D smart transmitter has the ability to continuously monitor as a fixed system. It has alarm indications and alarm relays that can be used for ventilation or other automated responses.

0 - 3.00 ppm and 0.02 resolution for H2O2

0 - 0.6 ppm and 0.01 resolution O3

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Ordering Information

| Part# | Description | Group | Subgroup | List Price |
|--------------|---|------------|----------|------------|
| 72-5124RK | EAGLE for Hydrogen Peroxide (H2O2) 0 - 3.00 ppm, (no probe) | Portables | Eagle | 2,300.00 |
| 72-5118RK | EAGLE for Chlorine Dioxide (ClO2) 0 - 1.00 ppm (also detects chlorine) | Portables | Eagle | 2,300.00 |
| 72-5109RK | EAGLE for Ozone (O3) (no probe), 0 - 1.00 ppm | Portables | Eagle | 2,300.00 |
| 73-0053-H2O2 | SC-8000 toxic gas detector, Hydrogen Peroxide (H2O2) 0 - 3.00 ppm, Li-ion type | Portables | SC-8000 | 2,455.00 |
| 73-0053-O3 | SC-8000 toxic gas detector, Ozone (O3), 0 - 1.0 ppm, Li-ion type | Portables | SC-8000 | 2.455.00 |
| GD-70D-H2O2 | Smart transmitter, GD-70D for Hydrogen Peroxide (H2O2), 0 - 3.00 ppm | Fixed Head | GD-70D | 1,495.00 |
| GD-70D-O3 | Smart transmitter, GD-70D for Ozone (O3), 0 - 1.00 ppm | Fixed Head | GD-70D | 1,495.00 |

References: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH); Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry; CDC

Resources

SC-8000 Datasheet SC-8000 Price List

EAGLE 1 Datasheet EAGLE 1 Price List

GD-70D Datasheet GD-70D Price List

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