# GASTEC Instructions for No.121S Benzene in Aromatic Hydrocarbons Detector Tube

#### FOR SAFE OPERATION:

Carefully read this manual and the instruction manual of your Gastec Gas Sampling Pump.

#### **⚠** WARNING :

- 1. Use only Gastec detector tubes in a Gastec Pump.
- Do not interchange or use non-Gastec parts or components in Gastec's detector tube and pump system.
- 3. The use of non-Gastec parts or components in Gastec's detector tube and pump system or use of a non-Gastec detector tube with a Gastec pump or use of a Gastec detector tube with a non-Gastec pump may result in property damage, serious bodily injury, and death; voids all warranties; and voids all performance and data accuracy guaranties.

## CAUTION: If you do not observe the following precautions, you may suffer injuries or damage to the product.

- 1. When breaking the tube ends, keep away from eyes.
- 2. Do not touch the broken glass tubes, pieces and reagent with bare hand(s).
- 3. The sampling time represents the time necessary to draw the air sample through the tube. The tube must be positioned in the desired sampling area for the entire sampling time or until the flow finish indicator indicates the end of the sample.

## △NOTES: For maintaining performance and reliability of the test results, observe the following.

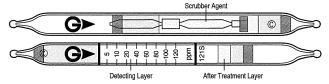
- Use Gastec Gas Sampling Pump together with Gastec Detector Tubes only for the purposes specified in the instruction manual of the detector tube.
- 2. Use this tube within the temperature range of 0 40°C (32 104°F).
- 3. Use this tube within the relative humidity range of 0 90%.
- This tube may be interfered with by the coexisting gases. Please refer to the table "INTERFERENCES" below.
- 5. Shelf life and storage condition of the tube is marked on the label of the box of tube.

#### **APPLICATION OF THE TUBE:**

Use this tube for the detection of Benzene in air or the industrial areas and environmental atmospheric condition.

#### SPECIFICATION:

(Because of Gastec's commitment to continued improvement, specifications are subject to change without notice.)



Measuring Range	2 – 5 ppm	5 – 120 ppm	120 – 312 ppm
Number of Pump Strokes	. 4	2	1
Correction Factor	0.4	1	2.6
Sampling Time	2 minutes per pump stroke		
Detecting Limit	0.5 ppm (n = 4)		
Colour Change	White → Dark green		
Reaction Principle	$C_6H_6 + I_2O_5 + H_2S_2O_7 \rightarrow I_2$		

Coefficient of Variation : 20% (for 5 to 40 ppm), 15% (for 40 to 120 ppm)

\*\*Shelf Life: Please refer to the validity date printed on the box of tube.

\*\*Store the tubes in the cool and dark place.

#### **CORRECTION FOR TEMPERATURE, HUMIDITY AND PRESSURE:**

Temperature: No correction is required.

**Humidity:** No correction is required.

Pressure: To correct for pressure, multiply by the tube reading by

Tube Reading (ppm) × 1013 (hPa)
Atmospheric Pressure (hPa)

#### **MEASUREMENT PROCEDURE:**

- For checking the leakage of the pump, insert a fresh sealed detector tube into the pump.
   Follow instructions provided with the pump operating manual.
- 2. Break tips off a fresh primary tube and an analyser tube with the tube tip breaker of the pump.
- 3. Connect © marked ends with rubber tubing after breaking each end.
- Insert the analyser tube into the pump inlet with arrow (G>) on the tube pointing toward pump.
- 5. Make certain the pump handle is all the way in. Align guide mark on the pump body with the guide mark on the handle.
- Pull handle all the way out until it locks at one pump stroke (100 mL). Wait two minutes and confirm the completion of sampling. Repeat the above sampling procedure one more time.
- 7. For smaller measurements less than 5 ppm, repeat the above sampling procedure two more times until the stain reaches to the first calibration mark.
  For measurements higher than 120 ppm, prepare a pair of fresh tubes and perform one pump stroke.
- 8. Read concentration level at the interface where the stained reagent meets the unstained reagent
- If necessary, multiply the readings by the correction factors of pump strokes and atmospheric pressure respectively.

#### **INTERFERENCES:**

Substance	Concentration	Interference	Changes colour by itself to
Hexane	≦100 ppm	No	No discolouration
Toluene	≦200 ppm	No	No discolouration
Xylene	≦300 ppm	No	No discolouration

Aromatic hydrocarbons other than benzene are trapped in the brown layer in the pretreatment tube. If the pretreatment reagent is entirely consumed (whole brown layer turns to dark brown), a higher reading will be given.

The table of this interference gases primarily expresses the interference of each coexisting gas in the gas concentration range, that is equivalent to the gas concentration. Therefore, the test result may be given positive result by the other substances not listed in the table. For more information is needed, please contact us or Gastec representatives.

#### **DANGEROUS AND HAZARDOUS PROPERTIES:**

Threshold Limit Value-Time Weighted Average by ACGIH (2015): 0.5 ppm Threshold Limit Value –Short Term Exposure Limit by ACGIH (2015): 2.5 ppm

### **DISPOSAL INSTRUCTION:**

This pretreatment tube contains a small amount of hexavalent chromium. This detector tube contains a small amount of hexavalent chromium. When disposing the tube regardless of whether used or unused, follow the rules and regulations of the local government.

#### **WARRANTY:**

If you have any questions regarding gas detection and quality of the tubes, please feel free to contact your Gastec representatives.

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