

GASTEC Instructions for No.149 Methyl Methacrylate 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.
2. Do not interchange or use non-Gastec parts or components in Gastec's detector tube and pump system.
3. Using non-Gastec parts or components in Gastec's detector tube and pump system or using a non-Gastec detector tube with a Gastec pump or using a Gastec detector tube with a non-Gastec pump may damage your detector tube and pump system, or may cause serious injuries, or death to the end-user. It will also void all warranties, and guarantees regarding performance and data accuracy.

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

1. When breaking the tube ends, keep away from eyes.
2. Do not touch the broken glass tubes, broken 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 sampling.

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

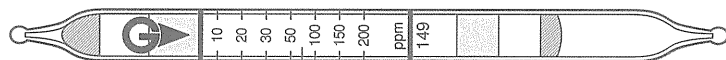
1. Use Gastec Gas Sampling Pump together with Gastec Detector Tubes only for the purposes specified in the instruction manual of the detector tube.
2. Use this tube within the temperature range of 0 - 40°C (32 - 104°F).
3. Use this tube within the relative humidity range of 0 - 90%. (When the dehumidifying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

APPLICATION OF THE TUBE :

Use this tube for detecting Methyl Methacrylate in the air or in industrial areas and for determining the environmental atmospheric condition.

SPECIFICATIONS :

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



Detecting Layer

Measuring Range	10 – 200 ppm	200 – 500 ppm
Number of Pump Strokes	2	1
Stroke Correction Factor	1	2.5
Sampling Time	1.5 minutes per pump stroke	
Detecting Limit	1 ppm (n=2)	
Colour Change	Yellow → Pale blue	
Reaction Principle	$\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3 + \text{Cr}^{6+} + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow \text{Cr}^{3+}$	

Coefficient of Variation : 10% (for 10 to 50 ppm), 5% (for 50 to 200 ppm)

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

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

CORRECTION FOR TEMPERATURE, HUMIDITY AND PRESSURE :

Temperature : Correct for temperature with the table below.

Temperature °C (°F)	0 (32)	5 (41)	10 (50)	15 (59)	20 (68)	25 (77)	30 (86)	35 (95)	40 (104)
Correction Factor	1.43	1.36	1.15	1.10	1.00	0.90*	0.80*	0.74*	0.67*

*If the value of the Tube Reading multiplied by the Temperature Correction Factor is less than 10ppm a measurement cannot be performed.

Humidity : No correction is required between 0 - 90% R.H.

Pressure : To correct for pressure, use the formula below.

$$\frac{\text{Tube Reading}^* (\text{ppm}) \times 1013 (\text{hPa})}{\text{Atmospheric Pressure (hPa)}}$$

* This value is after other correction(s), if any are applied.

MEASUREMENT PROCEDURE :

1. For checking the leakage of the pump, insert a freshly sealed detector tube into pump. Follow instructions provided with the pump operating manual.
2. Break tips off a fresh detector tube with the tube tip breaker in the pump.
3. Insert the tube into the pump inlet with arrow (➔) on the tube pointing toward the pump.
4. Make certain the pump handle is all the way in. Align the guide marks on the pump body with the guide marks on the handle.
5. Pull the handle all the way out until it locks at one pump stroke (100 mL). Wait 1.5 minutes and confirm the completion of the sampling. Repeat the above sampling procedure one more time.
6. For measurements higher than 200 ppm, prepare a fresh tube and perform one pump stroke.
7. Read the concentration level at the interface where the stained reagent meets the unstained reagent.
8. If temperature correction is necessary, obtain the true concentration by using the temperature correction factor. Afterwards multiply the correction factor of pump strokes if necessary.
9. If pressure correction is necessary, use the pressure correction formula.

INTERFERENCES :

Substance	Interference	Changes colour by itself to
Alcohols (methanol)	+	Pale blue(\geq 5 ppm)
Ketones (acetone)	+	Blackish brown(\geq 10 ppm)
Esters (methyl acetate)	+	No stain observed immediately. A blackish brown colour observed later (\geq 30 ppm).

This table of interference gases primarily expresses the interference of each coexisting gas in the concentration range, that is equivalent to the gas concentration. Therefore, the test result may show positive results due to other substances not listed in the table. If more information is needed, please contact us or our distributors in your territory.

APPLICATION FOR OTHER SUBSTANCES :

Tube 149 can also be used for other substances as below :

Substance	Correction factor	No. of pump strokes	Measuring range
Allyl isothiocyanate	0.44	2	4.4 - 88 ppm

CORRECTION FACTOR :

Detector tubes are primarily designed to measure specific gases. But it is also possible to measure other substances of similar chemical properties with the aid of a correction factor or chart. Therefore, please make use of the correction factor/chart measuring ranges as a reference. For more precise factor please contact your Gastec distributor.

DANGEROUS AND HAZARDOUS PROPERTIES :

Threshold Limit Value-Time Weighted Average by ACGIH (2020): 50 ppm
 Threshold Limit Value-Short Term Exposure Limit by ACGIH (2020): 100 ppm
 Explosive Range : 1.7 - 8.2%

INSTRUCTIONS ON DISPOSAL :

The reagent of the tube uses a small amount of hexavalent chromium. When disposing the tube regardless of whether it has been used or not, follow the rules and regulations of your local government.

WARRANTY :

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

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