

# GASTEC Instructions for No.26 Polytec III Qualitative Analysis Test 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.

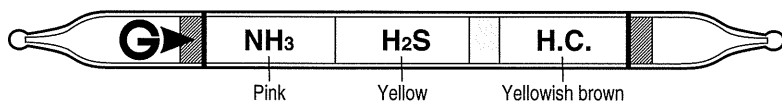
1. Use Gastec Gas Sampling Pump together with Gastec Detector Tubes only for the purposes specified in the instruction manual of the detector tube.
2. Use this tube within the temperature range of 0 - 40°C (32 - 104°F).
3. Use this tube within the relative humidity range of 0 - 90%.
4. Use this tube within the atmospheric pressure range of 911.7 – 1114.3hPa.
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 the Qualitative Analysis for Unknown Gases listed in the Table 1 below in the air or in industrial areas and for determining the environmental atmospheric condition.

## SPECIFICATION :

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



Measuring Range	Qualitative
Number of Pump Stroke	1
Sampling Time	30 sec. per pump stroke
Colour Change	Refer to Table 1
Reaction Principle	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Ammonia neutralizes sulphuric acid to discolour the pH indicator.</li> <li>2 Hydrogen sulphide reacts with mercuric chloride to liberate hydrogen chloride to discolour the pH indicator.</li> <li>3 Hydrocarbons reduce chromic acid to discolour the reagent.</li> </ol>

**\*\*Shelf Life : Please refer to the Validity Date printed on the box of tube.**

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

## 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 30 seconds and confirm the completion of the sampling.
6. After the sampling, the colour stain indicates the existence of the substance(s) shown in the table below.

**Table 1 Colour Change of Each Layer**

Substance	Concentration (ppm)	NH <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> S	H.C.
Ammonia	0.5 5	Yellow (Inlet) Yellow (9 mm)	—	—
Hydrogen chloride	5	—	Red (8 mm)	—
Chlorine	1	—	Red (10 mm)	—
Sulphur dioxide	2	—	Red (4 mm)	—
Nitrogen dioxide	3	—	Red (4 mm)	—
Hydrogen sulphide	0.5 2	—	Red (Inlet) Red (4 mm)	—
LP Gas	5000	—	—	Dark brown(whole layer)
Gasoline	2 20	—	—	Greenish brown(inlet) Greenish brown(whole layer)
Butane	500	—	—	Dark brown(whole layer)

- (1) Amines stain NH<sub>3</sub> layer similarly to Ammonia.
- (2) The figures in the list are the approximate concentration of each gas.
- (3) (Inlet) means the approximate gas concentration discolours the inlet of the layer.
- (4) (Whole layer) means the approximate gas concentration discolours the reagent of the layer.

**INSTRUCTIONS ON DISPOSAL :**

The reagent of the tube uses a small amount of inorganic mercury and 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 quality of the tubes, please feel free to contact your Gstec representatives.

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