

GASTEC Instructions for No.163LL Ethylene Oxide 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. 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.

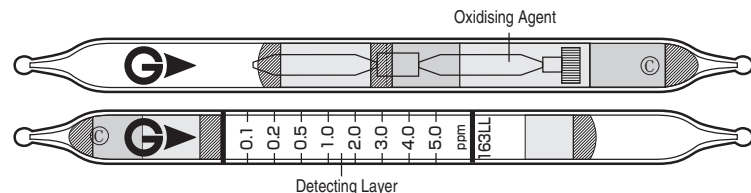
1. Use Gastec Gas Sampling Pump together with Gastec Detector Tubes only for the purposes specified in the instruction manual of the detector tube.
2. Use this tube within the temperature range of 0 – 40°C (32 - 104°F).
3. Use this tube within the relative humidity range of 0 - 80%.
4. This tube may be interfered with by the coexisting gases. Please refer to the table "INTERFERENCES" below.
5. Shelf life and storage conditions of the tube are marked on the label of the box of tube.

APPLICATION OF THE TUBE :

Use this tube for the detection of Ethylene oxide 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	0.1 – 5.0 ppm	5.0 – 10 ppm
Number of Pump Strokes	4	2
Correction Factor	1	2
Sampling Time	2 minutes per pump stroke	
Detecting Limit	0.05 ppm (n=4)	
Colour Change	Yellow → Pale orange	
Reaction Principle	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{HCHO}$ $3\text{HCHO} + (\text{NH}_2\text{OH})_3\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 \rightarrow \text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$ $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 + \text{Base} \rightarrow \text{Phosphate}$	

Coefficient of Variation: 15% (for 0.1 to 1 ppm), 10% (for 1 to 5 ppm)

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

****Store the tubes at 10°C (50°F) or below in the refrigerator.**

CORRECTION FOR TEMPERATURE, HUMIDITY AND PRESSURE :

Temperature : Correct for temperature by the table below.

Tube Reading (ppm)	True Concentration (ppm)									
	0°C (32°F)	5°C (41°F)	10°C (50°F)	15°C (59°F)	20°C (68°F)	25°C (77°F)	30°C (86°F)	35°C (95°F)	40°C (104°F)	
5	—	11	6.9	5.5	5	4	3.3	2.6	2	
4	—	8.5	5.5	4.7	4	3.25	2.65	2	1.65	
3	15	6.5	4	3.5	3	2.4	1.95	1.5	1.2	
2	10	4.3	2.75	2.35	2	1.6	1.3	1	0.8	
1	5	2.2	1.4	1.2	1	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4	
0.5	2.4	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.35	0.25	0.2	
0.2	1	0.45	0.3	0.25	0.2	0.15	0.15	0.1	0.1	
0.1	0.4	0.2	0.15	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.05	0.05	

Humidity : No correction is required between 0 - 80% 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 fresh sealed detector tube into the pump. Follow instructions provided with the pump operation 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.
4. 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 marks on the pump body with the guide marks on the handle.
6. Pull the 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 three more times.
7. For measurements higher than 5.0 ppm, prepare a pair of fresh tubes and perform two pump strokes.

8. Read concentration level at the interface where the stained reagent meets the unstained reagent.
9. If temperature correction is necessary, obtain the true concentration by using the temperature correction table. Afterwards multiply the correction factor of pump stroke if necessary.
10. If pressure correction is necessary, use the pressure correction formula.

INTERFERENCES :

Substance	Concentration	Interference	Changes colour by itself to
Acetaldehyde	1.5 ppm	+	Pale orange
Alcohols	300 ppm	—	No discolouration
Ketones	15 ppm	+	Pale orange
Formaldehyde	0.5 ppm	+	Pale orange

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 (TLV-TWA) by ACGIH (2024): 1 ppm

DISPOSAL INSTRUCTION :

The reagent of the primary tube does not use toxic substances. The reagent of the analyser tube does not use toxic substances. 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.