UME^X100 Passive Sampler

Formaldehyde Sampling

The UME^x 100 Passive Sampler for formaldehyde was developed for the accurate and convenient collection of formaldehyde to determine occupational exposure. Constructed of tough polypropylene, the single-use UME^x 100 contains tape treated with 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNPH) for reliable collection of formaldehyde. To sample, remove the sampler from the pouch, record sampling information, slide cover to "on" position, and clip to a worker's collar or appropriate sampling location. When sampling is complete, slide cover to "off" position, place the sampler back in the original pouch immediately, and seal. Send the sampler to an accredited laboratory for analysis by high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) with UV detection.

For sampling rates on other aldehydes, see the UME^X 100 Sampling Rates for Other Aldehydes table on reverse side.



UME^{*} 100 Sampler with sliding cover in sampling position

- Accuracy meets OSHA requirements
- Uses 2,4-DNPH chemistry
- For formaldehyde collection
 - Sample integrity is assured
 - Validated by OSHA
- Documented formaldehyde uptake rates for 15-minute to 24-hour and 7-day samples
 - Sampling rates available for other aldehydes
- Permits detection of low ppb levels of formaldehyde
- Economical and easy to use
 - No pump or training requiredLow-cost sampler
- Conforms to EU ISO 16000-4-2004
- Meets specifications of OSHA Method 1007[‡]
- Highly sensitive and specific analysis method
- Small and unobtrusive
- Simple-to-use "on/off" sliding cover
- Safe
 - No glass or chemical liquids in the sampler
- 28.6 ml/min uptake rate enhances sensitivity for 15-minute, 8-hour, and 24-hour sampling
- *‡* Note: If sampling in an atmosphere containing formalin, visit www.skcinc.com/knowledgecenter and search on "formalin" for field study information.



Performance Profile

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Sampling Rate for Formaldehyde:	 28.6 ml/min with an RSD of 7.6% at a wind velocity of 5 to 100 cm/sec for 15 min to 24 hrs 20.4 ml/min at wind velocities < 5 cm/sec for 1 to 7 days
Detection Principle:	Formation of stable DNPH-hydrazone in the presence of formaldehyde
Validation Range:	0.06 to 3.0 ppm
Lower Detection Limits:	 15 min: 200 ppb (.24 mg/m³) 8 hr: 5 ppb (.006 mg/m³) 24 hr: 2 ppb (.002 mg/m³) 7 days: 0.2 ppb (.0002 mg/m³)
Shelf-life:	12 mos from date of manufacture at ≤ 39.2 F (4 C)
Capacity:	29 μg/sample
Analysis:	Solvent extraction and analysis by HPLC (high-performance liquid chromatography) with UV detection
Accuracy:	± 25%, exceeds OSHA requirements
Storage:	<i>Before use:</i> ≤ 39.2 F (4 C)
	<i>After use:</i> ≤ 39.2 F (4 C) and analyze within 3 weeks
Temperature Effects:	No effect on sampling rate between 10 and 30 C
Humidity Effects:	No effect from 10 to 80% relative humidity; do not use below 10% RH
Wind Effects:	No effect from 5 to 100 cm/sec
Interferences: [‡]	 Large amounts of carbonyl compounds may reduce the uptake of formaldehyde Use in ozone levels < 0.5 ppm
Dimensions:	3.4 x 1.1 x .35 in (8.6 x 2.8 x .89 cm)
Weight:	0.38 oz (10.9 gm)

Other Available UME^x Passive Samplers

The same convenient and economical UME^x design is also available for sampling sulfur dioxide/nitrogen dioxide (**UME^x200**), ammonia (**UME^x300**), and amines (**UME^x400**). Contact SKC for more information or visit www.skcinc.com

UME^x 100 Sampling Rates for Other Aldehydes

Compound	Sampling Rate (ml/min)		
Formaldehyde	28.6 (velocity 5 to 100 cm/sec, 15 min to 24 hrs,		
(full validation)	20.4 (velocity < 5 cm/sec, 1 to 7 days)		
Acetaldehyde	22.8∞		
Benzaldehyde	13.5∞		
Butyraldehyde	15.8∞		
Crotonaldehyde	9.71∞		
Glutaraldehyde	14.0∞		
Hexanaldehyde (hexanal)	9.66∞		
Isovaleraldehyde	15.5∞		
Propionaldehyde (propanal)	14.0∞		
Chloroacetaldehyde	19.4**		
Decylaldehyde	10.4**		
Heptanaldehyde	12.8**		
Nonanaldehyde	11.6**		
o-Phthaldehyde	12.83**		
o-Tolualdehyde	12.7**		
Valeraldehyde	15.4**		
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∞ Partial validation; see Passive Sampling Guide at www.skcinc.com/samplingguides.

** Calculated sampling rate; see online Passive Sampling Guide at www.skcinc.com/samplingguides

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Ordering Information

Description		Cat. No.		
UME ^x 100 Passive Sampler for Formaldehyde [‡]				
and Other Aldehydes, ^{†#} individually packaged in				
aluminized pouch	pk/10	500-100		
	pk 25	500-100A		
Treated Tape, for QC purposes only, pk/50		P20084		
Stand for Area Sampling		690-302		

† Limited shelf-life; storage at \leq 39.2 F (4 C) required.

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- # Designed for single use only. Do not reuse UME^x samplers.