

# GASTEC Instructions for No.3L Ammonia Low Range Detector Tube

## FOR SAFE OPERATION :

Read this manual and the instruction manual of your Gastec Gas Sampling Pump carefully.

### ⚠ 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 not observed, injuries to the operator or damage to the product may result.

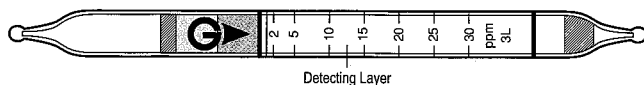
1. When breaking the tube ends, keep away from eyes.
2. Do not touch the broken glass tubes, pieces and reagent with bare hand(s).
3. The sampling time represents the time necessary to draw the air sample through the tube. The tube must be positioned in the desired sampling area for the entire sampling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

### △ NOTES : For maintaining performance and reliability of the test result

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. This tube may be interfered by the coexisting gases. Please refer to the "INTERFERENCES".
5. Shelf life and storage conditions of the tube are marked on the label of the box of tube.

**APPLICATION OF THE TUBE :** Use of this tube for the detection of Ammonia in air or the industrial areas and environmental atmospheric condition.

**SPECIFICATION :** (As a result of Gastec's commitment to continued improvement, specifications are subject to change without notice.)



Measuring Range	0.5 - 1ppm	1 - 30 ppm	30 - 78 ppm
Number of Pump Strokes	2	1	1/2
Correction Factor	1/2	1	2.6
Sampling Time	1 minute per pump stroke		
Detecting Limit	0.2 ppm (n = 1)		
Color Change	Purple → Yellow		
Reaction Principle	Ammonia neutralizes sulfuric acid to change the color of pH indicator to yellow. $\text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow (\text{NH}_4)_2\text{PO}_4$		

**Coefficient of Variance :** 10% (for 1 to 10ppm), 5% (for 10 to 30 ppm)

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

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

## CORRECTION FOR TEMPERATURE, HUMIDITY AND PRESSURE :

Temperature : Correct for Temperature by the correction factor below.


Temperature°C (°F)	0(32)	5(41)	10(50)	15(59)	20(68)	25(77)	30(86)	35(95)	40(104)
Correction Factor	1.35	1.25	1.15	1.07	1.0	0.95	0.9	0.86	0.83

Humidity : Humidity Correction is not required.

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

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

## MEASUREMENT PROCEDURE :

1. For leak checking of the pump insert a fresh sealed detector tube into pump. Follow instructions provided with the pump operating manual.
2. Break tips off a fresh detector tube in the tube tip breaker of the pump.
3. Insert the tube into the pump inlet with arrow  on the tube pointing toward pump.
4. Make certain pump handle is all the way in. Align guide marks on pump body and handle.
5. Pull handle all the way out until it locks on 1 pump stroke (100ml). Wait 1 minute and confirm the completion of the sampling.
6. For lower than 1 ppm measurement, repeat the above sampling procedure one more time until the stain attained to the first calibration mark. For higher than 30 ppm measurement, prepare fresh tube, then pull 1/2 pump stroke. Obtain true concentration by multiply the tube reading by 2.6.
7. Read concentration at the interface of the stained-to-unstained reagent.
8. If atmospheric correction is needed, refer to the "Corrections for Temperature, and Pressure".

Substance	Concentration	Interference	Change color by itself
Carbon dioxide	1% or higher	Minus error(20%)	
Hydrazine		Plus error	Produces yellow discoloration
Amines	1/15 or higher	Plus error	Discolors yellow at 5 ppm

## INTERFERENCES :

### DANGEROUS AND HAZARDOUS PROPERTIES :

Threshold Limit Value-Time Weighted Average by ACGIH (2003) : 25 ppm

Threshold Limit Value-Short Term Exposure Limit by ACGIH (2003) : 35 ppm

### DISPOSAL INSTRUCTION :

Reagent of the tubes does not use toxic substance. On 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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