# OX-TRAN<sup>®</sup> Model 2/28 Operator's Manual

#### **Revision J**





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# **About This Manual**

This manual explains how to set up and use the OX-TRAN Model 2/28 Oxygen Transmission Rate System.

This manual is designed for viewing electronically. Most references to other sections or chapters in this document are hyperlinks which can be used to navigate to the referenced section.

Please use the following guide to get started with the system.

#### If You Want To Set Up the OX-TRAN Model 2/28

1. Prepare your test site.

See Appendix A "Site Preparation Instructions" starting on page A-1 in this manual.

2. Install the OX-TRAN components.

See Chapter 2 "Setting Up" starting on page 2-1 in this manual.

#### If You Want Some Background on How the System Works:

1. Get an overview of the system.

See Chapter 1 "Introduction" on page 1-1 in this manual.

2. Learn how the OX-TRAN measures oxygen transmission.

See Appendix D "Theory of Operation" on page D-1 in this manual.

3. Learn about the software.

See Chapter 4 "Using the Instrument Software" starting on page 4-1 in this manual.

#### If You Want To Get Started Measuring Oxygen Transmission Rate:

See Chapter 3 "Preparing for a Test" beginning on page 3-1 and Chapter 5 "Testing Film Films Samples" on page 5-1.

#### If You Have Problems Operating the System:

- 1. If an error message appears on instrument screen see Chapter 7 "Troubleshooting" beginning on page 7-1 in this manual.
- 2. If no error message appears but you have other problems, see Chapter 7 "Troubleshooting" beginning on page 7-1 in this manual.

#### SERVICE NOTE:

Please do not hesitate to call MOCON in the USA at (763) 493-6370. We want you to receive the best in product support services.

# **Safety Information**

Be sure to read and understand this section and all other applicable chapters of the Operator's Manual and all on-product safety signs before setting up, operating, and maintaining this analyzer.

Safety signs appear in this manual and on the analyzer. All safety signs are identified by the words **WARNING** and **CAUTION**. These words signify the following:

- WARNING indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious personal injury.
- **CAUTION** indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in moderate personal injury and/or possible damage to the analyzer and its components.

#### To avoid personal injury and equipment damage, observe the following precautions:

#### **Installation Precautions**

- Use appropriate precautions when lifting or moving the instrument. A two-person lift is recommended.
- The maximum pressure applied to the instrument from the Carrier and Test Gas supplies must not exceed 29 psi (2 bar), or damage to the instrument will occur.

#### **Operating Precautions**

To avoid plumbing contamination use only specified gas types at recommended operating pressures.

#### **Maintenance and Service Precautions**



WARNING!

HAZARDOUS VOLTAGES ARE PRESENT INSIDE THIS INSTRUMENT. SERVICE SHOULD BE PERFORMED BY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL ONLY.



**AVERTISSMENT:** 

CET INSTRUMENT PRESENTE DES NIVEAUX DANGEREUX DE TENSION. L'ENTRETIEN DOIT ETRE EFFECTUE PAR UN PERSONNEL QUALIFIE UNIQUEMENT.



WARNING!

Protection may be impaired if this device is not used in the manner specified.

- Maintenance and service should only be performed by qualified personnel.
- Make sure the instrument is powered OFF and unplugged from the power source before removing the covers to perform any internal maintenance or service. Failure to do so can result in electrical shock, which can cause injury or death.
- Failure to use proper safety equipment when mixing salt solution can result in frostbite or burn injuries. Salt solutions should be prepared only by qualified people with proper safety equipment.

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# **Chapter 1: Introduction**

This chapter provides a brief overview of the OX-TRAN Model 2/28 Oxygen Transmission Rate System.

Read this chapter to get an overview of:

- The features of the OX-TRAN Model 2/28 system
- A summary of basic steps in a permeation test
- A summary of how an Oxygen Transmission Rate measurement is performed
- A summary of how Film testing is performed



Figure 1-1: OX-TRAN Model 2/28 System

#### **Features**

The following features of the OX-TRAN Model 2/28 Oxygen Transmission Rate System make it very versatile and easy to use:

- Fully automatic (Hands Off) testing.
- Simple bench top sample preparation.
- Dual-Film Test Cartridge for increased testing capacity.
- Additional cartridges can be loaded and staged for testing.
- Film cartridge clamped and released with a single button press.
- Pneumatically clamped test cells improve repeatability.
- TruSeal<sup>™</sup> test cells for increased performance.
- Automatic control of Pressure and Flow.
- Automatic control of the Test Cell Temperature.
- Automatic Barometric Pressure compensation.
- Advanced oxygen sensor over-range protection.
- QC Mode
- Advanced Gas Saver function reduces gas consumption.
- Automatically save and print Test Results.
- Internal storage of at least 100 Test Results.
- Integrated and intuitive touch screen operator interface.
- Remote Access and Control (requires optional Perm-Net Light software).
- Standard Ethernet port (100T).
- Dual USB 2.0 ports (for connection of keyboard, mouse or memory devices).

#### **Permeation Test Overview**

A "Permeation Test" consists of a series of discrete states that are performed using a Test Cell. The "Cell" contains a film sample. These states are used to measure the test environment and the transmission rate of the test sample. A Permeation Test may utilize all or only a subset of the possible test states. During a test, the steps (or states) within the test are executed in a fixed order. This order is called the "Test Sequence". A brief description of the states within a permeation test is given below:

#### **Conditioning the Sample**

Almost every material requires a period of time to acclimate to the environment and reach equilibrium. A time period can be specified to allow the barrier to "Condition" to the test environment. The Conditioning Period when used will occur at the beginning of each test phase.

#### **ReZero State**

Periodically the instrument baseline must be measured so that any changes in the baseline will not affect the accuracy of your transmission rate data. This is done during a "ReZero State" by measuring the apparent oxygen transmission rate of the ReZero Cell.

#### **Cell Examination State**

The Cell Examination State is used to measure the transmission rate of the barrier sample. The carrier gas leaving the Test Cell is sent to the oxygen sensor where the amount of oxygen contained in the gas is measured to determine a transmission rate.

## **Bypass State**

When no gas is being routed to the oxygen sensor it is said to be in the Bypass State. The Bypass State is used to maximize the useful life of the sensor. The oxygen sensor is automatically placed in Bypass during conditioning, when tests are completed or when an excessively high level of oxygen is detected.

## **Test Completion**

At some point sufficient measurements will have been made to accurately determine the transmission rate of the samples. A Permeation Test can be terminated manually by the user, after a fixed number of test cycles or using an automatic convergence process. When testing is complete, the cell is removed from the test sequence and no further transmission rate examination of that sample is performed. For more information on stopping a transmission rate test see "Determining When to Stop a Test" in Chapter 3.

#### **Report Generation**

You can request a report for one or both cells at any time until a new permeation test is started. See the instrument Help System for information on printing reports.

# Measuring an Oxygen Transmission Rate

To make an accurate transmission rate measurement a known concentration Test Gas (usually 100% Oxygen) is applied to one side of the barrier material to be tested and the other side is swept with an oxygen free Carrier Gas (nitrogen). This process is illustrated in Figure 1-2 which depicts a Film sample mounted in a standard OX-TRAN model 2/28 test Cell.

As shown in the illustration the film is mounted between the two parts of the test cell. The o-rings and sealing surfaces in the cell prevent outside air from affecting the measurement.

The Test Gas (oxygen) is continuously admitted to bottom half of the cell and allowed to exit through an exhaust port.

The Carrier Gas enters the top half of the cell. As Test Gas permeates the sample barrier it mixes with the Carrier Gas. The output side (exhaust) of the test cell is routed to an oxygen sensor. The amount of oxygen in the carrier gas is measured using the oxygen detector.

Seal leakage can be a significant source of error when measuring the transmission rate of a film sample. The TruSeal™ flush ring at the perimeter of the Test Cell minimizes the effect of ambient oxygen on the measurement. During a test, the TruSeal™ flush ring is purged with carrier gas minimizing the possibility of leakage past (or permeation through) the seals.

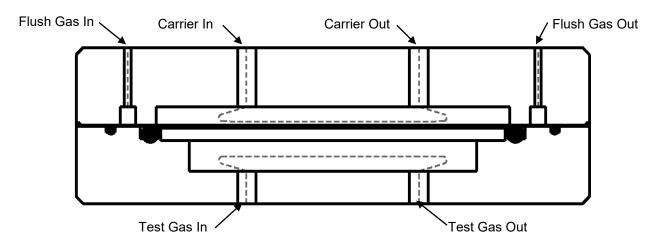


Figure 1-2: The OX-TRAN Model 2/28est Cell

# **Testing Films**

The OX-TRAN model 2/28 is designed measure the oxygen transmission rate of flat film samples.

To test a film sample, it is prepared and mounted in a Test Cell. The test cell is used to maintain the film sample at a specified temperature. For more information on testing Film samples see Chapter 5.

# **Chapter 2: Setting Up**

This chapter provides information on how to set up an OX-TRAN Model 2/28 and prepare it for use.

Read this chapter to learn about:

- Unpacking the System
- Preparing for System Installation
- Front Panel Parts and Controls
- Back Panel Parts and Controls
- Connecting oxygen and nitrogen gas lines to the instrument

## **Unpacking the System**

Each OX-TRAN Model 2/28 instrument is shipped in its own crate. Any optional kits or accessories may be shipped in the instrument crate or in separate cartons. A checklist will be included for the instrument and any of the optional kits you may have purchased.

If any components are missing or damaged please call MOCON in the USA at (763) 493-6370.

# **Preparing for Installation**

The Site Preparation Instructions (Appendix A) contain important information about preparing a location for the instrument and the facilities required for your new instrument. Please read Appendix A before proceeding with the installation of the OX-TRAN Model 2/28.

The ambient environmental conditions in which the instrument will be used must meet those specified on page 8-1 in Chapter 8.

The OX-TRAN Model 2/28 should be placed on a bench or table capable of supporting approximately 43 kg (95 lbs). The work surface should be flat, clean and free of excessive vibration.

If installing a printer that will be directly connected to the OX-TRAN Model 2/28, place it next to the instrument. Read the manual that came with the printer for installation procedures.

Do not plug the instrument or printer into a power source until all components have been set up and connected.

Before proceeding with the setup or operation of the instrument familiarize yourself with the locations and names of the parts and controls on the front and rear of the instrument.

#### **Front Panel Parts and Controls**

The names and locations of the parts and controls located on the front of the instrument are shown in Figure 2-1, Figure 2-2 and Table 2.1.

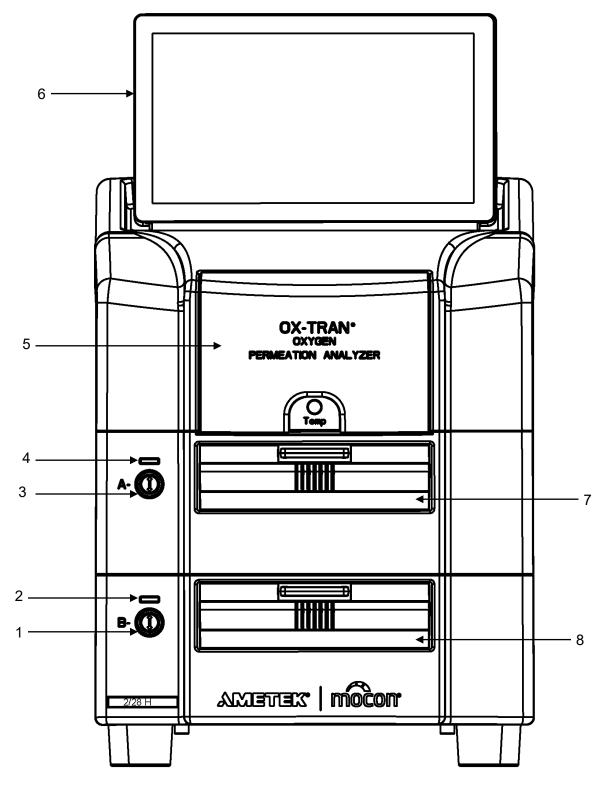


Figure 2-1: Front Panel Parts and Controls

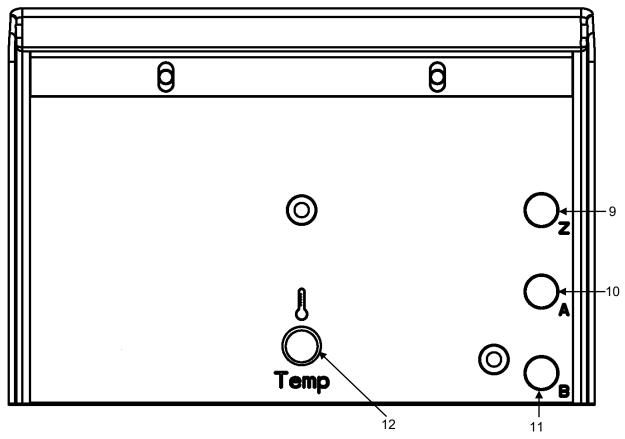
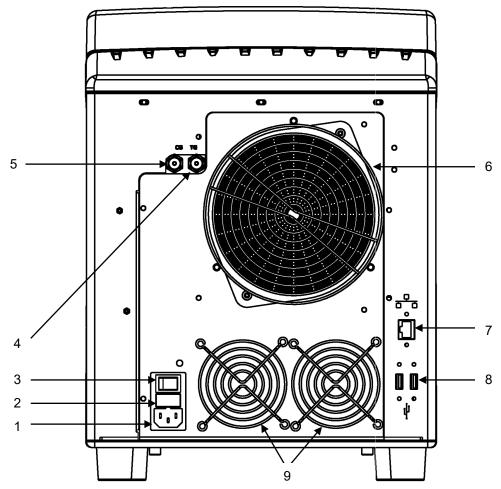


Figure 2-2: Front Panel Parts and Controls

| Item | Name                      | Description   |
|------|---------------------------|---|
| 1    | Cell B Load/Unload button | This button is used to Load and Unload the Test Cell                  |
| 2    | Cell B Status Indicator   | This indicator is used to show the Status of Cell B                   |
| 3    | Cell A Load/Unload button | This button is used to Load and Unload the Test Cell                  |
| 4    | Cell A Status Indicator   | This indicator is used to show the Status of Cell A                   |
| 5    | Cover                     | The cover that is used to access the Cell vents and the Test Gas port |
| 6    | Instrument Display        | The color touch-screen display used for instrument control            |
| 7    | Test Cell Drawer - Cell A | The drawer where the Test Cell for Cell A is contained                |
| 8    | Test Cell Drawer - Cell B | The drawer where the Test Cell for Cell B is contained                |
| 9    | ReZero Cell Vent          | The carrier gas vent for the ReZero cell                              |
| 10   | Cell A Vent               | The carrier gas vent for Test Cell A                                  |
| 11   | Cell B Vent               | The carrier gas vent for Test Cell B                                  |
| 12   | Thermometer Well          | A thermometer well for use with an external thermometer               |
|      | Table 2.                  | 1: Front Panel Parts and Controls                                     |

#### **Back Panel Parts and Controls**



The names and locations of the parts and controls located on the back of the instrument are shown in Figure 2-3 and Table 2.2.

Figure 2-3: Back Panel Parts and Controls

| Item | Name                   | Description   |
|------|------------------------|---|
| 1    | Power In               | The connector the power cord attaches to.                                   |
| 2    | Fuse Holder            | The fuse holder contains the fuses used to protect the instrument.          |
| 3    | Power Switch           | The switch that is used to turn the instrument on and off. I is ON O is OFF |
| 4    | Test Gas Inlet Port    | The fitting that connects the test gas supply to the instrument.            |
| 5    | Carrier Gas Inlet Port | The fitting that connects the carrier gas supply to the instrument.         |
| 6    | Cooling Fan            | The fan that supplies cooling air to the test cell heating/cooling system.  |
| 7    | Network Port           | A 10/100T Ethernet port for connection to a network.                        |
| 8    | USB Ports              | USB 2.0 Ports for connection of USB devices (keyboard, mouse).              |
| 9    | Enclosure Fans         | The fans that supply cooling air to the instrument enclosure.               |
|      | Ta                     | able 2.2: Back Panel Parts and Controls                                     |

## Test Gas (Oxygen)

The OX-TRAN Model 2/28 requires an oxygen test gas with a purity of at least 99.9%. The regulator (on the compressed gas cylinder) must be approved for oxygen use. The optional Regulator Assembly contains an approved Oxygen Regulator. A standard T size cylinder should provide sufficient gas to operate a single instrument for several weeks.

# **Carrier Gas (Nitrogen)**

The OX-TRAN Model 2/28 requires a Carrier Gas mixture that is 98% nitrogen and 2% hydrogen. The specific percentage of each gas is not critical. The percentage of hydrogen in the mixture may be as low as 1% or as high as 3%. The hydrogen is used with a catalyst in the instrument to remove any residual oxygen in the Carrier Gas.

Compressed gas cylinders containing hydrogen require a "Hydrogen Regulator". The tank fitting on a Hydrogen Regulator uses left hand threads. The optional Regulator Assembly contains an approved Hydrogen Regulator. A standard T size cylinder should provide sufficient gas to operate a single instrument for several weeks

# **Gas Distribution Systems**

Each instrument ships with two local regulator/isolation devices (called Regulator Tees) that can be used to connect the instrument to a common Test Gas/Carrier Gas distribution system. Figure 2-4 Illustrates how a gas distribution system for multiple instruments can be created using the provided Regulator Tees.

When using compressed gas cylinders, consideration should be given to the impact cylinder replacement will have on operational efficiency. Interruptions to the gas supply when a cylinder is changed (or goes empty) will have an adverse effect on any active tests. Cylinder manifolds that provide an uninterrupted gas supply during cylinder replacement are available from many gas suppliers.

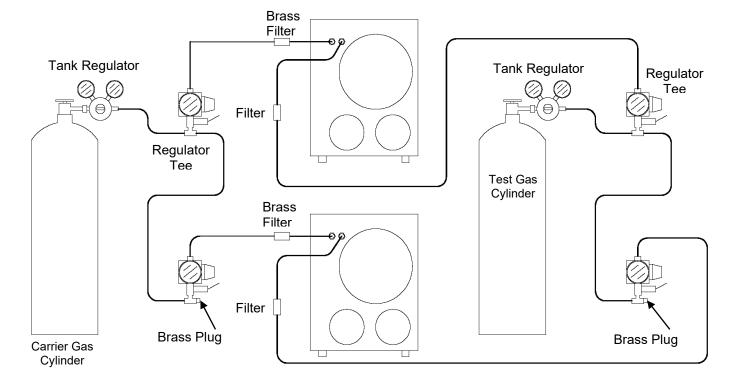


Figure 2-4: System Plumbing Connection Diagram

# **Connecting the Gas Lines**

The OX-TRAN Model 2/28 has two gas inlets, one for connecting the Test Gas (oxygen) supply and the other for connecting the Carrier Gas (nitrogen/hydrogen) supply. These compression fittings are intended for use with 1/8" copper tubing. Refer to Figure 2-3 and Figure 2-4 for the location of these fittings and an example of plumbing system diagram.

The optional Starter Kit (054-111) contains 50 feet (14 meters) of tubing in addition to extra compression nuts, ferrules and grease.

# **Connecting the Carrier Gas Supply**

Follow these steps to connect the Carrier Gas supply lines:

- 1. Remove the brass plug from the Carrier Gas fitting on the instrument back panel. Save the plug it will be needed later.
- 2. Cut a piece of tubing approximately 3 inches in length (33 cm).
- 3. Cut a piece of tubing approximately 10 inches in length (33 cm).
- 4. Apply a thin coating of Apiezon grease to four compression ferrules.
- 5. Connect the Carrier Gas fitting on the instrument back panel to the Brass Filter (051-791) using the 3-inch length of tubing and two nuts and ferrules. The arrow on the Filter must point towards the tube connected to the instrument back panel.
- 6. Connect the input on the Filter to the output fitting on a regulator tee using the 10-inch length of tubing and two nuts and ferrules.
- 7. Cut a piece of tubing to connect the regulator tee to the Carrier Gas cylinder regulator.
- 8. Apply a thin coating of Apiezon grease to two compression ferrules.
- 9. Connect the Carrier Gas regulator tee to the Carrier Gas (Nitrogen) supply regulator using two nuts and ferrules.
- 10. If there are additional instruments to be connected, repeat steps 2 6 and 11 13 for each instrument.
- 11. Cut a piece of tubing to connect the regulator tee on the previous instrument to the regulator tee on the next instrument.
- 12. Apply a thin coating of Apiezon grease to two compression ferrules.
- 13. Connect the previous Carrier Gas regulator tee to the next Carrier Gas regulator tee using two nuts and ferrules.
- 14. Using the plug removed in step one, cap the open port on the last regulator tee assembly.

**Caution:** Before proceeding verify that the Carrier Gas and Test Gas inlets on each instrument are connected to the appropriate gas supply. If the Carrier Gas inlet is connected to the oxygen supply, the oxygen sensor will be damaged and replacement will be required.

## **Connecting a Test Gas Supply**

Follow these steps to connect the Test Gas supply lines:

- 1. Remove the brass plug from the Test Gas fitting on the instrument back panel. Save the plug as it will be needed later.
- 2. Cut a piece of tubing approximately 3 inches in length (8 cm).
- 3. Cut a piece of tubing approximately 13 inches in length (41 cm).
- 4. Connect the Test Gas fitting on the instrument back panel to the Stainless-Steel Filter (052-084) using the 3-inch length of tubing and two nuts and ferrules. The arrow on the Filter must point towards the tube connected to the instrument back panel.
- 5. Connect the input of the Filter to the output fitting on a regulator tee using the 13-inch length of tubing and two nuts and ferrules.
- 6. Cut a piece of tubing to connect the regulator tee to the Test Gas cylinder regulator.
- 7. Connect the Test Gas regulator tee to the Test Gas (Oxygen) supply regulator using two nuts and ferrules.
- 8. If there are additional instruments to be connected, repeat steps 2 5 and 9 10 for each instrument.
- 9. Cut a piece of tubing to connect the regulator tees on the previous instrument to the appropriate regulator tees on the next instrument.
- 10. Connect the previous Test Gas regulator tee to the next Test Gas regulator tee using two nuts and ferrules.
- 11. Using the plug removed in step one, cap the open port on the last regulator tee assembly.

#### Caution:

Before proceeding verify that the Carrier Gas and Test Gas inlets on each instrument are connected to the appropriate gas supply. If the Carrier Gas inlet is connected to the oxygen supply the Oxygen sensor will be damaged and replacement will be required.

# **Setting the Gas Supply Pressures**

Set the Gas Supply Pressures as follows:

- 1. Set the Carrier Gas cylinder or main line regulator pressure to 35 psi.
- 2. Set the Test Gas cylinder or main line regulator pressure to 35 psi.
- 3. Set the pressure on the Carrier Gas regulator-tee so that the gauge reads 25 psi.
- 4. Set the pressure on the Test Gas regulator-tee so that the gauge reads 25 psi.

| Caution: | The maximum Carrier Gas pressure to the instrument must not exceed 32 psi. |
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|          | Input pressures greater than 32 psi (2.2 bar) will damage the system.      |

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Note: When using compressed gas cylinders, the tank must be replaced when the pressure falls below 300 psi (on the first stage of the regulator).

# System Outgassing

Before the system can be used any air trapped in the gas lines and instrument must be purged out. After purging the carrier gas supply system, the instrument must be outgassed. After the initial purge, residual oxygen may still be present in the seals and void spaces within in the instrument. Out-gassing removes this residual oxygen from the system.

To out-gas the system follow these steps:

- 1. Verify the Gas Supply Pressures are set correctly; see setting the Gas Supply Pressures on page 2-8.
- 2. Turn the instrument on.
- 3. Mount a film in all Test Cell positions, for more information see "Mounting Samples in the Test Cell" on page 5-4.
- 4. Load and Clamp the Test Cells, for more information refer to "Loading and Unloading the Test Cell" on page 5-6.
- 5. Let the system out-gas for at least one hour before starting a test.

# **Chapter 3: Preparing for a Test**

This chapter provides information on how to prepare for a permeation test.

Read this chapter to learn about:

- Testing Basics
- How Barrier Properties Affect Testing
- Developing Test Methods for Films
- Developing a Temperature Profile

# **Testing Basics**

A permeation test is comprised of a series of discrete actions or events. Some of these steps require human thought, action or intervention. Some of the steps are performed by the instrument and will be discussed elsewhere. The most important part of the process is the planning and preparation that occurs before the actual testing begins. Inadequate planning or preparation may result in an inaccurate measurement. This chapter contains information on the factors that should be considered when planning for a permeation test.

# **How Barrier Properties Affect Testing**

A good understanding of the barrier material properties for the samples to be tested is very helpful when preparing for a permeation test. The transmission rate of the sample and the conditions at which it will be tested may require changes to the test methodology.

Any sample with a transmission rate within the range of the instrument (as specified in Chapter 8) can be tested. Additional consideration is advised when setting up tests for samples that have a transmission rate within 25% of the upper or lower end of the instruments test range.

Use caution when testing at the upper end of the instruments test range, an excessively high transmission rate may over-range the oxygen sensor. Persistent or repeated over-range conditions will shorten the lifespan of the Oxygen sensor. Common poor barrier materials include polyethylene, polycarbonate and acrylic.

The possibility of an over-range condition can be reduced by; lowering the oxygen concentration of the Test Gas, using a mask to reduce the sample area when testing film samples or increasing the Carrier Gas flow rate. Using any or all of these methods to reduce the amount of oxygen the Oxygen Sensor is exposed to will also increase the life of the sensor.

# **Testing Mixed Barriers**

Simultaneously testing barriers with widely divergent transmission rates is not recommended. The data for the samples may not be accurate when there is a large difference in the transmission rates. If during a test there is a large difference in the transmission rates, set the divergent cell (or cells) to Idle and continue testing the remaining cell (or cells). You may want to determine which samples will condition more rapidly and test those samples first.

## **Developing Test Methods for your Films**

Choosing the appropriate test conditions and methodology is one of the most important preparatory tasks. Inaccurate test results and "Failed" tests are commonly caused by inappropriate methodology. A good understanding of the characteristics of the barrier sample will be very helpful in choosing an appropriate methodology. For specific information on how to set or adjust the Test Method parameters discussed in this section please refer to the Instrument Help System.

#### The Examination Time

The Exam Time specifies how long (in minutes) the Test Cell (containing the sample) will be examined to determine the oxygen transmission rate. During this examination time the carrier gas (along with any oxygen that has permeated the sample) is routed to the sensor. For some barriers you may need to increase the examination time. This is because the sensor approaches its final value at an exponential rate. For some barriers, the sensor may not properly stabilize within the default examination time. For most barriers, the small increase in oxygen transmission rate caused by increasing the examination time is insignificant.

# The ReZero Frequency

The baseline of the instrument can shift slightly during testing due to such changes as ambient temperature. The ReZero process adjusts for these small shifts in the instrument baseline.

The ReZero function can be turned on and off. The default is on with a new zero taken every two cell examination periods (equivalent) to one pass for each cell. The default values were chosen to provide a new baseline (the ReZero value) within a reasonable time interval.

# The Sample Conditioning Time

When you condition a sample in the test cell, carrier gas and test gases are routed to the test cell as they are during testing. However, the carrier gas is not routed to the Permeant sensor. This conditioning period allows a sample barrier to acclimate to the conditions within the test cell.

Some barrier materials may take a long time to reach equilibrium, a conditioning period offers two advantages when performing a test:

- It prevents unnecessary exposure of the Permeant sensor to oxygen, thus extending the life of the sensor.
- It limits the number of transmission rate values that appear on a printed report.

The amount of time in hours that the sample is conditioned can be specified. After the specified conditioning period the system will automatically begin testing.

# **Determining When to Stop a Test**

The setting used for the "Test Mode" parameter determines how and when a transmission rate test is stopped (Test Completion). Four different methods of stopping a transmission rate test are provided. The four methods are: "Continuous", "Standard", "Convergence By Cycles" and "Convergence By Hours".

The **Continuous** mode executes until manually stopped by an operator. The **Standard** mode executes for the number of cell examination cycles specified by the "Number of Cycles" parameter. The **Convergence** modes execute until equilibrium is achieved as defined by the convergence parameters.

Unless the characteristics of the test sample are well understood, the continuous mode should be used. If the test is stopped prematurely the transmission rate reported will not reflect the true transmission rate for the material. For more detailed information on the "Test Mode" parameter see the Instrument Help system.

# **Choosing a Test Method**

There are three different ways to specify how a permeation test is to be performed. These "Test Methods" are described briefly in the following section. For more detailed information see the Instrument Help system.

#### The Advanced Test Method

The Advanced Test Method allows the user to specify all of the parameters and conditions used to perform a permeation test. An Advanced Test Method allows the most flexibility in determining how a permeation test will be executed. The Advanced Test method also allows Test Sequencing.

#### **Saved Test Methods**

Saved Test Methods are Advanced Test Methods that have been saved and can be recalled for later use. Saved test methods are accessed using the "Methods" control displayed at the bottom of any Advanced Test Method screen.

## **QC Mode**

The QC Mode allows the user to specify all the parameters and conditions used to perform a permeation test. The QC Mode also allows user to enter pass/fail criteria for easy identification of good and bad barriers.

# **Chapter 4: Using the Instrument Software**

This chapter provides an overview of the software system used to operate the OX-TRAN Model 2/28. Detailed information on how to use the instrument software can be found in the Instrument Help System.

Read this chapter to learn about:

- The Features and Capabilities of the Instrument Software
- The Structure and Organization of the Instrument Software
- Accessing the Screens and Functions in the Instrument Software

The instrument software is used to control and monitor all instrument functions and test activity. The only activities that require operator intervention are loading/unloading the test cells, setting the initial test conditions and starting tests.

The operator has full control of all test parameters when the "Advanced Test" function is used. As the test progresses data is collected and logged.

The resulting data is made available in tables and charts. The information (displays and reports) is available in both tabular and graphical formats. A Diagnostic interface is included for instrument maintenance and calibration.

#### **Software Features**

- Stored Test Methods
- Multiple Test Strategies
- Independent Cell Level Test Parameters
- Automatic or Manual Test Parameter Selection
- Automatic Sequential Execution of up to ten Tests
- Real Time Graphical Display of Test Status
- Real Time Tabular Display of Test Status
- Automatic Reporting and Archival of Test Results
- Manual Reporting and Archival of Test Results
- Optional FDA CFR 21 Part 11 Compliant Operation

# **Instrument Software Structure and Organization**

All of the User Interface and Instrument Control functions of your permeation system are accessed through the Instrument Software. The User Interface consists of a Title bar, an Icon bar, and the Workspace

The "Title" bar is a fixed region at the top of the screen that shows the users login status, the name of the current screen displayed in the workspace, an icon for printing a screen image, an icon for accessing the Help System and a "close" button. The "Icon" bar is the fixed region below the Title bar containing seven icons. The "Workspace" occupies the remaining space below the Icon bar.

The various functions and screens that appear within the workspace are accessed using the icons in the Icon bar. Selecting one of these icons displays a screen in the workspace or a menu from which additional choices can be made.

When the instrument is started the Home screen is automatically displayed in the workspace. The application contains eighteen additional screens, which are organized according to their primary function or task. These functions can be described as belonging to one of the following six categories:

- Test Setup
- Starting and Running Tests
- Monitoring Test Activity
- Reporting Test Results
- Maintenance and Diagnostics
- Help

The functions in the first four categories listed above are organized into nine different screens. Each of these screens when "opened" replaces the one previously displayed in the workspace. Seven of the remaining screens are accessed using "Tools" icon.

The two remaining screens are accessed using the "Help" icon. The first Help menu item is used to display the Instrument Help System. The help system is displayed in the workspace below the Icon bar and contains two panes. There is a navigation\search pane on the left and a topic pane on the right. The help system contains detailed information on all of the features, functions and fields in the instrument software.

The "About" menu item is used to display information about the instrument that may be needed when requesting service or support.

# **Chapter 5: Testing Film Samples**

This chapter contains information on how to test film samples. Suggestions on how to maximize the accuracy of your results and procedures describing how to perform the test are discussed.

Read this chapter to learn about:

- Testing Suggestions
- Preparing for a Film Test
- Sample Size
- Using Masks
- Sample Orientation
- Preparing the Samples for Testing
- Conducting a Film Test

# **Testing Suggestions**

The following information will assist you in the day-to-day operation of your instrument.

- Test duplicate samples whenever possible.
- Use good samples. Pinholes and creases can contribute to false readings.
- Use caution when recording data for a new or unknown specimen. Some materials approach equilibrium slowly. When in doubt repeat the test.
- If no testing will be performed for a significant period of time (overnight or weekend) no special precautions are needed. The Gas Saver function will automatically be activated (when enabled) whenever both test cells are in the "Idle" state.

Turning off the power and gas supplies to instrument is not recommended. If the instrument is shutdown you will need to wait for it to outgas before testing can resume.

## **Preparing for a Film Test**

Before a test can be conducted there are a number of tasks that must be performed: The samples to be tested must be prepared. The samples must be mounted in a Test Cell and Loaded into the instrument.

For information on preparing the film samples refer to the sections on "Sample Size", "Using Masks" and "Orienting the Sample" in this chapter.

For information on mounting samples and loading the test cell refer to "Mounting Samples in the Test Cell" and "Loading and Unloading the Test Cell" in this chapter

## Sample Size

The film sample should be approximately 4" x 4" (10.16 x 10.16 cm), with a thickness not exceeding 0.5 mm (0.02 inches). Smaller samples can be masked to allow them to be mounted in the Test Cell, see the following section on "Using Masks".

The film must be cut to a specific size and shape so it will fit in the Test Cell. Mocon provides a film template (available as part of optional Starter Kit 054-111) as an aid to cutting your film samples.

## **Special Cartridge for Thick Samples**

For samples with thickness up to 1/8", a specially designed cartridge with two side-by side 10cm<sup>2</sup> cells, or with two side-by-side 5cm<sup>2</sup> cells can be used. Refer to a separate User Guide 054-641 for details.

# **Using Masks**

A foil mask should be used if any of these conditions exist:

 You are testing a material with a transmission rate near or exceeding 200 cc / (m² • day) for full size samples. If such materials are tested as full-size samples, the sensor may over range.

Using a 5 cm<sup>2</sup> mask will reduce the amount of oxygen sent to the sensor by a factor of 10 allowing a sample with an un-masked (50 cm<sup>2</sup> area) transmission rate of 2000 cc / (m2 • day) to be tested safely.

- The test material is not available in pieces large enough to mount in the cell.
- The test material is too fragile to support itself across the full cell area.

NOTE: Some materials may fail to adhere fully to the masks, and thus give erroneous and/or highly variable sample-to-sample transmission rates. Always check the compatibility and seal of your sample to the mask adhesive to determine if these problems exist.

When using a mask, specify the mask open area be before starting the test. The mask reduces the area of the test sample (from the standard unmasked 50 cm<sup>2</sup> area). To correctly calculate transmission rate, the instrument must compensate for the difference between the masked and unmasked areas.

If your sample is thin (less than 5 mils), you need only mask one side. Mount the sample in the test cell with the film side facing up.

If your sample is thicker than 5 mils, mask both sides. Be sure the mask apertures are accurately aligned and the edges around the foil aperture are tight against the film.

# Optional Reduced Test Area Dual-Film 5cm<sup>2</sup> Cartridge

For samples that are small or having high transmission rates, a specially designed Dual-film cartridge with 5cm<sup>2</sup> test areal can be used. Refer to a separate User Guide 054-502 for details.

## **Orienting the Sample**

When mounting test samples, orientation can be important. Edge leakage or oxidation on some materials can affect the test result. It is important to place the "barrier side towards the carrier". Follow the guidelines below to minimize edge leakage and oxidation effects.

#### **Homogeneous Materials**

If you are testing a homogeneous, one-layer sample, the orientation of the sample in the cell is not critical.

#### **Multi-Layered and Laminated Materials**

Install a multilayered film or laminate with the barrier coating or laminate up, toward the top of the cell. For example, a one-sided, PVDC-coated paper should be mounted with the PVDC side up, placing the PVDC towards the carrier gas.

#### **Metalized Materials**

Insert the film into the test cell with the metalized side towards the carrier gas to prevent oxidation.

## **Mounting Samples in the Test Cell**

Follow the instructions below to mount a film sample in the Test Cell:

Note: For information on cutting and preparing the film samples refer to the sections on "Sample Size", "Using Masks" and "Orienting the Sample" in this chapter.

- 1. Remove the Test Cell from the instrument (see Loading and Unloading the Test Cell).
- 2. Separate the top and bottom parts of the cell from the Film Mounting Plate (middle part).
- 3. Remove the old film samples from both sides of the Film Mounting Plate.
- 4. Clean the film sealing surfaces of the cell to remove the old grease.
- 5. Apply new Apiezon grease to the sealing surfaces on the Film Mounting Plate.
- 6. Inspect the TruSeal flushing ring and ports, remove any excess grease.

#### Mounting a Sample in the bottom Test Cell position

- 1. Place the Film Mounting Plate on a clean flat surface with the bottom mounting surface up.
- 2. Place the film on the greased sealing surface, remove any wrinkles as necessary.
- 3. Verify the inner and outer O-Rings are properly seated in the bottom Test Gas Plate.
- 4. Install the bottom Test Gas plate on the Film Mounting Plate.

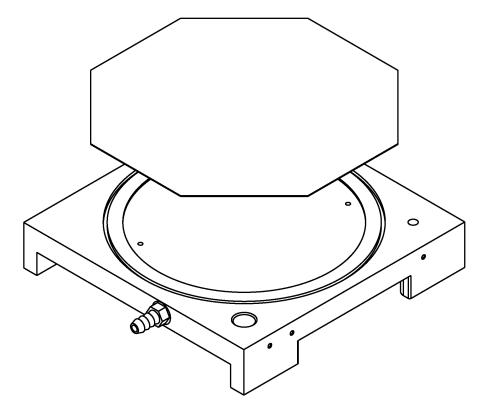


Figure 5-1: Mounting a Film Sample (Bottom Position)

#### Mounting a Sample in the top Test Cell position

- 1. Place the partially assembled Test Cell on a flat surface with the top mounting surface up.
- 2. Place the film on the greased sealing surface, remove any wrinkles as necessary.
- 3. Verify the inner and outer O-Rings are properly seated in the top Test Gas Plate.
- 4. Install the top Test Gas plate on the Film Mounting Plate.

Note: Inspect the gap between the top and bottom Test Gas Plates and the Film Mounting plate. If the gap is not even on all four sides one of the O-Rings may not be properly seated.

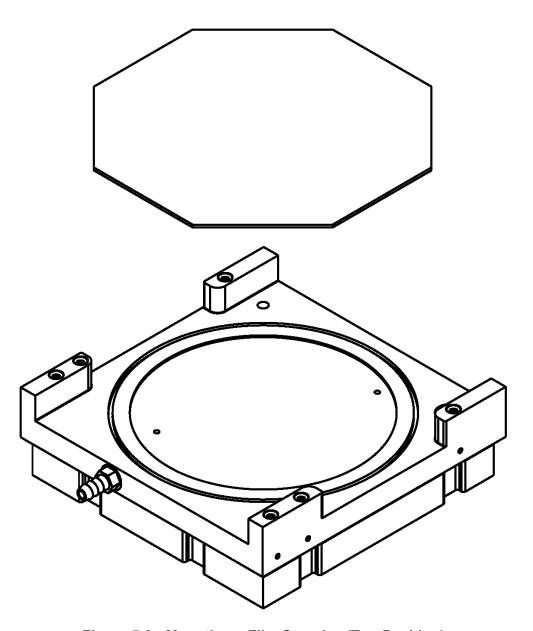


Figure 5-2: Mounting a Film Sample (Top Position)

## **Loading and Unloading the Test Cell**

The OX-TRAN Model 2/28 uses a pneumatic system to clamp and unclamp the Test Cell. The Test cell must be manually loaded and unloaded from the instrument.

To Unload the Test Cell from the Cell Tray, follow the instructions below (refer to Figure 5-3):

- 1. Press the Cell Load/Unload button on the front of the instrument (see Figure 2-1).
- 2. Open the Cell Tray completely by gently pulling straight back from the front panel.
- 3. Grasp the Test Cell by the front and back edges and lift straight up.

To Load the Test Cell into the Cell tray, follow the instructions below (refer to Figure 5-3 and 5-4):

- 1. Grasp the Test Cell by the front and back edges and lower it straight down.
- 2. Close the Cell Tray completely by gently pushing straight towards the front panel.
- 3. Keep your finger holding the tray at its closed position.
- 4. While holding the Cell Tray, press the Cell Load/Unload button to clamp the cell (see Figure 5-4).

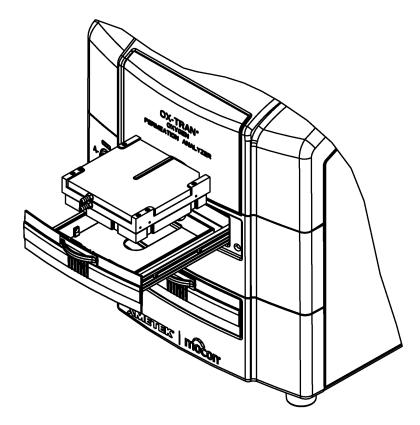


Figure 5-3: Loading the Test Cell

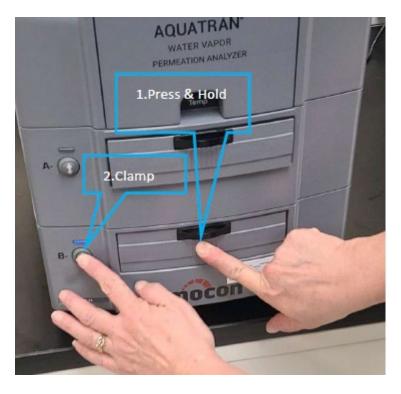


Figure 5-4: Press Load/Unload Button While Holding the Tray

# Setting Up and Starting a Film Test

After the samples are loaded and the instrument is ready there are a number of test parameters that must be set. There are two types of test parameters, cell parameters and instrument parameters. Cell Parameters are specific to each cell (Sample ID, Sample Thickness). Instrument parameters are common for all cells (Cell Temperature). The "Test" icon is used to access the screens and controls required to set up the test conditions and start a test.

There are two methods that can be used to setup a permeation test. A test can be setup using the "Advanced Test" screen or a "Saved Test Method" can be recalled.

An "Advanced Test" method allows the operator total control of all test parameters. An Advanced Test method is setup and started by selecting the Test icon and "paging" to the "Advanced Test" screen using the "arrow" control located at the right edge of the screen. The "Cell", Instrument" and "Test" screens are used to specify the entire set of test conditions prior to starting a test on the desired Test Cell. The entire sets of parameters (called the Test Method) can be saved, recalled or exported using the "Method" and "Save Method" controls.

For more information on setting up and starting a test see the Instrument Help system.

# **Monitoring and Controlling a Film Test**

The status of an active test can be monitored and controlled using the "Home", "Cell Status" and "Instrument Status" screens. These screens are accessed by selecting the "Home" and "Status" icons.

As each phase or state in a test is completed the test will automatically be advanced to the next step as specified by the currently executing test method. The operator can control (override) the execution of the test using the Abort, Advance and GoTo controls.

Test data can be viewed and reports created (in graphical or tabular form) using the controls on the Cell and Instrument status screens.

For more information on setting up, starting tests and generating reports see the Instrument Help system.

# **Chapter 6: Maintenance**

This contains information on how to clean and maintain the OX-TRAN Model 2/28.

Read this chapter to learn about:

- Cleaning the Instrument
- Cleaning the Test Cell
- Cleaning the Air Filter
- Maintaining the Test Cells
- Maintaining the Oxygen Sensor
- System Standby
- System Shutdown, Relocation and Storage

The following information will assist in the daily operation and maintenance of the OX-TRAN Model 2/28 system. Included are answers to the questions most commonly asked of the MOCON Technical Services Group.

# Cleaning the Instrument

The OX-TRAN Model 2/28 is housed in a painted metal and plastic case that is easy to clean and maintain. Periodically wipe the case with a damp cloth and mild detergent solution.



# Warning!

Turn OFF the instrument and unplug it from its power source before beginning these procedures. Failure to do so can result in electrical shock, which can cause injury or death.

Some important precautions to follow:

- Leave the instrument covers on while cleaning; do not get liquids in the instrument.
- Never use alcohols or solvents on the instrument case. These chemicals could damage the instruments as well as the case.

NOTE: There are no user serviceable parts inside the OX-TRAN Model 2/28. A MOCON service representative should perform all other internal maintenance and adjustments.

# Cleaning the Air Filter

Periodically the air filter on the back of the instrument should be removed and cleaned. The recommended interval is twice a year (or whenever there is a significant buildup of dust).

If the filter is not cleaned on a regular basis air will not circulate properly through the cooling system. The performance of the temperature control system for the Test Cells may be affected and the instrument safety systems may prevent the system from being used.

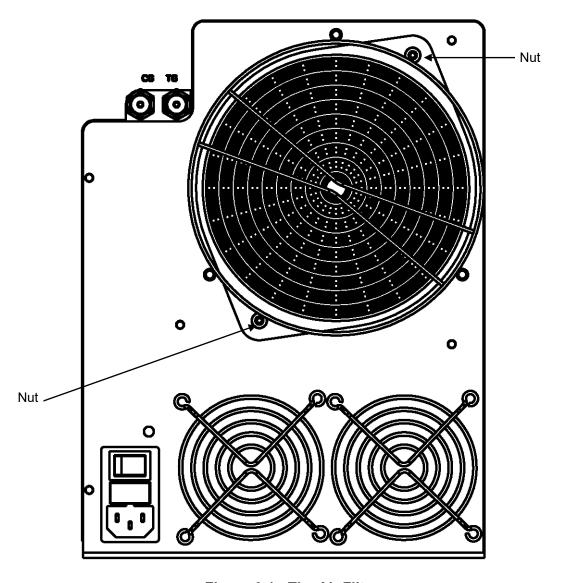


Figure 6-1: The Air Filter

The filter can be removed without removing the fan guard from the enclosure. To remove the cooling system air filter, remove the two nuts shown in Figure 6-1 above.

#### **Cleaning the Test Cells**

Periodically the test cells should be cleaned to remove any excess buildup of grease. Alcohol can be used to remove any residue from the Apiezon grease.

Inspect the gas ports and TruSeal flush ring and remove any grease that could obstruct the flow of gas.

#### **Maintaining the Test Cells**

Periodically the test cells should be examined and any damaged, deformed, cracked or brittle o-rings replaced. The parts of the test cell and their associated part numbers are illustrated in Figure 6-2 and Table 6.1.

Inspect the film sealing surface of the top half of the test cell for nicks and scratches. Dragging a fingernail across a nick or scratch is a simple way to estimate the depth of the flaw. Nicks and scratches deep enough to feel may cause errors in the transmission rate due to leakage.

#### **Test Cell Components and Part Numbers**

The parts of the test cell are shown in Figure 6-2 below. Refer to Table 6.1 for the associated part numbers and the quantity used. To order replacement parts contact MOCON in the USA at (763) 493-6370.

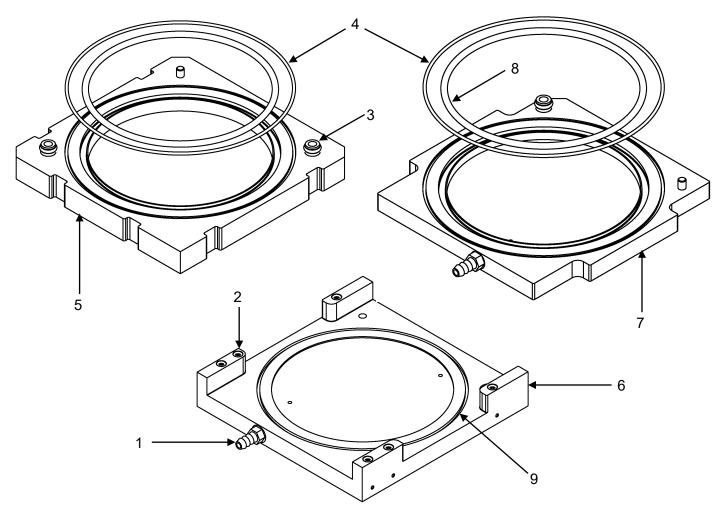


Figure 6-2: Test Cell Components

| Item                              | Quantity | Part Number | Description                                       |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|---|
| 1                                 | 2        | 031-070     | Barb, Hose, 10-32, Nickel-Plated Brass            |
| 2                                 | 6        | 033-613     | O-Ring, 0.087 ID X 0.040 CS, Buna N, 70 Durometer |
| 3                                 | 3        | 050-112     | O-Ring, 0.145 ID X 0.070 CS, Viton                |
| 4                                 | 2        | 052-185     | O-Ring, 3.661 ID X 0.050 CS, Buna-N               |
| 5                                 | 1        | 054-070     | Cell, Test, Bottom, HT                            |
| 6                                 | 1        | 054-071     | Cell, Test, CG, HT                                |
| 7                                 | 1        | 054-072     | Cell, Test, Top, HT                               |
| 8                                 | 2        | 054-079     | O-Ring, 3.000 ID, 0.103 CS, Buna-N                |
| 9                                 | N/A      | N/A         | TruSeal Ring                                      |
| Table 6.1: Test Cell Part Numbers |          |             |   |

#### Maintaining the Oxygen (Coulox) Sensor

Under normal use, the Coulox sensor supplied with your instrument should last a year or more. The sensor could be damaged by accidents or by misuse such as continual exposure to high concentrations of oxygen. The coulometric oxygen sensor (Coulox) does not require calibration. If you choose to calibrate the sensor the procedures are described in Appendix F.

#### **Verifying Oxygen Sensor Performance**

You may want to occasionally verify sensor performance by measuring the transmission rate of a material with known characteristics. Certified Films are available for this purpose. The "Permeant Sensor Performance Check" described in Appendix F should be performed using an appropriate Certified Film.

#### Replacing the Coulox Sensor

When the Coulox sensor needs to be replaced please contact MOCON in the USA at (763) 493-6370.

Caution: Do not attempt to replace the Coulox sensor. This should only be done by an authorized MOCON Technical Services Representative.

When a sensor is becoming depleted, you will notice a decrease in its response. The best time to observe this is when the sensor is bypassed after a test; a healthy sensor will react quickly and drop to 5 percent of the test reading in less than 10 minutes. A damaged or depleted sensor will take much longer to respond.

Usually, a depleted sensor exhibits a reduction in efficiency and the measured values tend to read on the low side. When you observe these symptoms the Coulox sensor should be replaced.

#### **Maximizing Oxygen Sensor Life**

The useful life of the Coulox sensor is determined by the following factors:

Cathode depletion

A new unused sensor has a nickel cadmium anode. Oxygen entering the sensor reacts with the cathode material to produce cadmium hydroxide. When most of the cadmium has been converted to cadmium hydroxide, the sensor response time slows and efficiency declines.

Cathode depletion is proportional to the Oxygen Input Rate. The most effective way to increase sensor life is to reduce the oxygen input rate.

Electrolyte depletion Electrolyte depletion is usually caused by water loss. The Coulox sensor uses a patented system that minimizes moisture loss. It is, however, possible to dry-out the sensor by exposing it to excessive levels of dry carrier gas.

The amount of oxygen input to the sensor can be reduced by the following means:

- Using a Conditioning period. When conditioning time is used the sensor is taken off line for a period of time. This can prolong its useful life of the sensor.
- When testing films, use a foil mask to reduce the test area. A 5 cm<sup>2</sup> foil mask will reduce the oxygen input rate to the sensor by a factor of ten.

#### **System Standby**

When a test series is complete, the instrument sets the sensor to the Bypass state. In this position the sensor is isolated and protected from inadvertent exposure to large amounts of oxygen.

If no testing will be performed for an extended period of time (overnight or weekend) leave a film mounted and clamped in the test cells. Turning off the power and gas supplies to the instrument is not recommended. If the instrument is shutdown you will need to wait for it to outgas before testing can resume.

When all cells are in the "Idle" state, the instrument will activate the "Gas Saver" function which automatically reduces the gas consumption by 25 to 50%.

#### System Shutdown for Storage or Repair

When shutting down the instrument for relocation, long-term storage, or if the instrument is to be sent for factory repairs, follow these instructions:

- 1. End all active tests and verify that the sensor is set to Bypass.
- 2. Set the Temperature Set Point to the approximate ambient temperature and allow the instrument to come to ambient temperature.

CAUTION: The instrument's testing temperature must be at ambient temperature with the gases flowing before turning the instrument off for a long period of time.

- 3. Turn off power to the instrument.
- 4. Disconnect the gas lines at the rear of the module and use the brass fitting plugs (025-382) to seal the gas connections fittings on the rear of the instrument.

# **Chapter 7: Troubleshooting**

This chapter contains information to assist you in solving problems that may occur during the operation of the instrument.

Read this chapter to learn about:

- Error Messages and Warnings
- Solving Operational Problems
- Sensor Over-Range Recovery
- Power Fail Recovery

#### **Error Messages and Warnings**

The instrument software is continually checking for errors. When an error is detected, an Error Message dialog will be displayed. Select the "Dismiss" button to close the dialog. If a condition that could cause damage is detected, any active tests will automatically be "Failed" and the sensor will be placed in the By-Pass state

For additional information on any error messages that may occur, their cause and possible solutions please consult the Instrument Help System.

NOTE:

If you encounter an error message and are unable to resolve the problem, write down both the error code and the message. This will help MOCON service representatives diagnose the problem. Contact MOCON in the USA at (763) 493-6370.

#### **Troubleshooting Testing Problems**

The following may assist in identifying and correcting problems that occur during instrument operation.

**Symptom:** Abnormally low results when testing Certified Films.

**Comment:** Perform a test using a Certified Film to verify the symptom. Certified Films must be

tested at the conditions stated on the label. Abnormally low results under these

conditions are generally due to sensor depletion.

**Solution:** Call MOCON in the USA for instructions at (763) 493-6370.

NOTE: For information on checking the performance of the oxygen sensor refer to the

section titled "Permeant Sensor Performance Check" described in Appendix F.

**Symptom**: Abrupt changes in display readings or long-term cyclic oscillations.

**Comment**: Unwanted data fluctuations observed during a test cycle may be caused by abrupt

changes in the carrier gas flow rate. Such a transient symptom can be produced by a

temporary restriction in any gas line, or gas usage by another system.

#### Recovering from a Sensor Over-Range Condition

A severe over range condition will terminate the test sequence on both cells.

If you see a red Cell Status indicator (on the front of the instrument), the test has failed due to a gas sensor over-range condition. In addition to the red Cell Status indicator, an error indicator may be displayed on the Home screen.

Examine the data on the Cell Status screen to determine the cause of the over-range condition. The Cell (or Cells) that caused the over-range will be "Failed". If the ReZero Cell failed due to an over-range condition all active tests will be failed.

Possible causes may be:

- The sample has a high transmission rate. To correct the problem testing can be done using a lower oxygen concentration test gas or a foil mask.
- The sample has pinholes, cracks or a poor-sealing surface.
- The cell is installed and clamped but no barrier is present.
- The o-ring seals on the top of the Test Cell are missing or damaged.

After correcting the cause of the malfunction restart the test on the failed cell (or cells).

#### Recovering from a Power Failure

The instrument software records data at periodic intervals. This data is used to assist in recovering from power failures and instrument restarts.

If testing is interrupted after the instrument has restarted testing will resume from the point at which it was interrupted.

# **Chapter 8 Specifications**

This chapter contains the specifications of the OX-TRAN Model 2/28.

Read this chapter for details about:

- Physical specifications
- Environmental requirements
- Electrical requirements
- Gas Supply requirements
- Operational capabilities

#### **Physical Specifications**

|                                    | Height                   | Width                  | Depth                   | Weight                 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Uncrated                           | 15.5 inches<br>(39.4 cm) | 12 inches<br>(30.4 cm) | 23 inches<br>(58.0 cm)  | 95 pounds<br>(43.1 kg) |
|                                    |                          |                        | 115 pounds<br>(52.2 kg) |                        |
| Table 8.1: Physical Specifications |                          |                        |                         |                        |

#### **Environmental Requirements**

| Tomporatura                           | Operation  | 22 °C ± 2 °C                            |  |
|---------------------------------------|------------|---|--|
| Temperature                           | Storage    | 10 °C to 30 °C                          |  |
| Llumiditu                             | Operation  | 20% to 80% RH (non-condensing)          |  |
| Humidity                              | Storage    | 5% to 85% RH (non-condensing)           |  |
| Barometric Pressure                   | Operation  | 400 to 850 mmHg (522 to 1133 millibar)  |  |
| Elevation (Maximum)                   | Operation* | 2500 Meters (8202 Feet) above sea level |  |
| Table 8.2: Environmental Requirements |            |   |  |

<sup>\*</sup> The instrument may not comply with all agency ratings when operated above the maximum specified elevation.

#### **Electrical Requirements**

| Voltage                                      | 100 - 240 VAC 50/60 Hz |  |  |
|--|------------------------|--|--|
| Maximum Power Draw                           | 700 VA                 |  |  |
| Current Draw at 100 VAC 50 Hz                | 1.80 A nominal         |  |  |
| Current Draw at 120 VAC 60 Hz                | 1.50 A nominal         |  |  |
| Current Draw at 220 VAC 50 Hz                | 0.82 A nominal         |  |  |
| Current Draw at 240 VAC 50 Hz 0.75 A nominal |                        |  |  |
| Table 8.3: Electrical Specifications         |                        |  |  |

## **Gas Supply Requirements**

|                                      | Gas Composition                          | Nitrogen/Hydrogen Mix (98% / 2%) |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|
| Carrier Gas                          | Supply Pressure, Nominal                 | 25 PSI, (1.72 Bar), (172 kPa)    |  |
|                                      | Supply Pressure, Maximum                 | 28 PSI, (1.93 Bar), (193 kPa)    |  |
|                                      | Supply Pressure, Minimum                 | 20 PSI, (1.38 Bar), (138 kPa)    |  |
|                                      | Flow Rate, Nominal, Test Active, Maximum | 111.5 cc/minute                  |  |
|                                      | Flow Rate, Nominal, Test Active, Minimum | 58.5 cc/minute                   |  |
|                                      | Gas Composition                          | 100% Oxygen (purity 99.9%)       |  |
|                                      | Supply Pressure, Nominal                 | 25 PSI, (1.72 Bar), (172 kPa)    |  |
| Test Gas                             | Supply Pressure, Maximum                 | 32 PSI, (2.2 Bar), (221 kPa)     |  |
|                                      | Supply Pressure, Minimum                 | 20 PSI, (1.38 Bar), (138 kPa)    |  |
|                                      | Flow Rate, Nominal, Test Active          | 20 cc/minute                     |  |
| Table 8.4: Gas Supply Specifications |  |                                  |  |

# **Operational Capabilities**

| Temperature Control Range                                  | 20 °C to 60 °C ± 0.2 °C   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| Time to Reach a Heated Temp (from ambient)                 | Approximately 60 minutes to reach 99% of a 40 °C setting  |  |  |
| Test Range, Film, 50 cm <sup>2</sup>                       | 0.05 to 200 cc/(m² • day)<br>0.0032 to 12.9 cc/(100in² • day)   |  |  |
| Test Range, Package  | 0.0003 to 1.0 cc/(pkg • day)  |  |  |
| Resolution   | 0.0001 cc/(m² • day)<br>0.000006 cc/(100in² • day)<br>0.0000005 cc/(pkg • day)  |  |  |
| Repeatability  | ± 0.02 cc/(m² • day)<br>± 0.0013 cc/(100in² • day)<br>± 0.0001 cc/(pkg • day)<br>or 1% of value, whichever is greater |  |  |
| Table 8.5: Operational Capabilities - Ox-Tran 2/28 Model H |   |  |  |

# **Appendix A: Site Preparation Instructions**

Part Number 140-222 (See next page)



Part Number 140-222 Revision A

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# SITE PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS IMPORTANT! REQUIREMENTS FOR THE START-UP OF THE OX-TRAN® Model 2/28 SYSTEM

The following must be furnished by the customer before a new OX-TRAN Model 2/28 can be set up. If a MOCON technical representative will be setting up your system these items must be on site before we can arrange to visit your plant.

1. **SPACE REQUIREMENTS** - Each OX-TRAN Model 2/28 instrument requires 18 to 24 inches (46 to 62 cm) of bench space. The instrument is 23 inches (58 cm) deep. The bench should provide additional space to allow for the required electrical and plumbing connections. The instrument weighs 95 pounds (43.1 kilograms) the bench should provide adequate support for the instrument.

A printer requires approximately 24 inches (62 cm) of bench space. Benches should be sufficiently large and strong to accommodate the instrument and printer in close proximity.

- 2. **ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS -** The OX-TRAN Model 2/28 should be operated in an environment with a stable room RH between 20% and 80% non-condensing, and at an ambient temperature of 22 °C  $\pm$  2 °C. It is important to locate the instrument in a relatively stable environment free from drafts and temperature fluctuations.
- 3. **POWER REQUIREMENTS** The OX-TRAN Model 2/28 requires 100 240 VAC ± 10% at 50/ 60 Hz. Maximum power consumption for each instrument is 700 VA (maximum surge). The instrument must be provided with a quiet computer grade electrical circuit with an isolated ground and an appropriate grounded receptacle. In the USA, a duplex NEMA 5-15R receptacle must be provided for each instrument.

NOTE: MOCON only provides power cords with instruments configured for 120V.

See the last page of these instructions for details and cautions on

#### "RECOMMENDED ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION"

- 4. **OXYGEN -** A cylinder of 99.9% oxygen with a MOCON-approved, stainless steel 2 stage oxygen regulator is required. A standard "T" size cylinder will provide several weeks of operation.
- 5. **NITROGEN** The required carrier gas is a special mixture consisting of 98% nitrogen and 2% hydrogen. These percentages are not critical, and the actual hydrogen percentage may vary from 1% to 3%. This mixture is readily available from gas suppliers for a nominal charge in most principal cities. Regulations stipulate that a hydrogen regulator with left-hand threads be used. (Verify this with your gas supplier.) MOCON requires that this regulator be a two stage model. A standard "T" size cylinder will provide several weeks of operation. The carrier gas mixture must contain less than 500 ppm residual oxygen.
- 6. **REGULATOR ASSEMBLY** If the customer chooses to purchase the optional regulator assembly, then the two gas cylinders are the only items that must be supplied by the customer. The regulator assembly contains everything else that is needed.
- 7. **COPPER TUBING -** Metallic tubing is required for connecting the oxygen and nitrogen supplies to the rear panel of the instrument. Desiccated and sealed (D&S), refrigeration-grade copper tubing (1/8 OD x 0.030

Wall / 3.175 mm OD x 0.762 mm) is required. This tubing can be purchased through MOCON by calling MOCON in the USA at (763) 493-6370 or through your local tubing supplier.

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#### RECOMMENDED ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

#### **NOTES**

- 1. The impedance of the equipment ground path from receptacle being utilized back to main service entrance where equipment ground and neutral are connected together must be one ohm or less.
- 2. Machinery and air conditioners can generate a large amount of electrical interference on the AC power lines. These disturbances can interfere with the operation of the system unless steps are taken to isolate the power disturbances from the power lines serving the instrument. Electrical noise can sometimes be eliminated by repair, replacement, relocation or electrical filtering of the originating device. If not, a suitable power line conditioner may have to be installed in the AC line to the system by a qualified electrician. A noisy circuit or improper grounding will cause adverse performance and possible damage to the system.



The installation of the appropriate electrical circuit and receptacle requires the skill and knowledge of a qualified electrician. Do not attempt to test the electrical current in your facility or to wire or fabricate the electrical power circuit without the services of a qualified electrician.

The MOCON OX-TRAN Model 2/28 system will provide years of useful life provided these requirements are observed. Please contact MOCON in the USA at (763) 493-6370 with any questions regarding these Site Preparation Instructions.

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# **Appendix B: Spare Parts**

The following is a list of the spare parts that are available for the OX-TRAN Model 2/28. To order, contact the MOCON in the USA at (763) 493-6370.

| Part<br>Number | Description   | Quantity | Unit Of<br>Measure |
|----------------|---|----------|--------------------|
| 021-548        | Grease, Apiezon T, Brown, 25 Gram Tube                            | 1        | EA                 |
| 024-180        | Thermometer, 4 inch Long, 0 °C to 50 °C                           | 1        | EA                 |
| 025-382        | Plug, Fitting, 1/8 Tube, Brass, 7/16 Hex                          | 1        | EA                 |
| 027-240        | Tubing, Copper, 1/8 OD X 0.030 Wall, Desiccated and Sealed        | 50       | FT                 |
| 027-326        | Kit, Knife With Cutting Mat                                       | 1        | EA                 |
| 027-271        | Regulator, N2/H2, High Purity, CGA 350, 0 to 80 psi               | 1        | EA                 |
| 027-272        | Regulator, O2, High Purity, CGA 540, 0 to 80 psi                  | 1        | EA                 |
| 027-343        | Regulator Tee, Tested   | 1        | EA                 |
| 033-613        | O-Ring, 0.087 ID X 0.040 CS, Buna N, 70 Durometer                 | 10       | EA                 |
| 050-112        | O-Ring, 0.145 ID X 0.070 CS, Viton                                | 10       | EA                 |
| 051-918        | Fuse, 8A, 250V, 5 X 20 mm, T-LAG Glass                            | 10       | EA                 |
| 052-185        | O-Ring, 3.661 ID X 0.050 CS, Buna-N                               | 10       | EA                 |
| 054-079        | O-Ring, 3.00 ID X 0.103 CS, Bun-Na                                | 10       | EA                 |
| 054-080        | Assy, Cartridge, Film Test, 2/28, 3/38                            | 1        | EA                 |
| 054-109        | Certified Film, #1 , 2/28, 30 sq cm, 23.0° C, 0% RH, 10 SCCM      | 1        | EA                 |
| 054-113        | Assy, Template, Trimming, Film, OX-TRAN, 2/28                     | 1        | EA                 |
| 105-259        | Mask, Aluminum Foil, 4X4, Blank                                   | 10       | EA                 |
| 130-015        | Mask, Aluminum Foil, 5 CM <sup>2</sup> , 4 X 4, No Mounting Holes | 10       | EA                 |
| 143-215        | Manuscript, OX-Tran, 2/28, On Flash Drive                         | 1        | EA                 |
| 210-017        | Cord, Power, 125V, 18/3, SVT, IEC, Unshielded, 7 1/2 FT           | 1        | EA                 |
| 310-027        | Nut, 1/8 Tube, Brass  | 10       | EA                 |
| 310-051        | Ferrule, 1/8 Tube, Brass  | 10       | EA                 |

# **Appendix C: Warranty and Service Policies**



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# WARRANTY POLICY STATEMENT OF LIMITED WARRANTY

MOCON, Inc. warrants that any part of any MOCON instrument or accessory ("Instrument") which proves to be defective in material or workmanship during the warranty period will be repaired by MOCON "certified" service personnel only, or at MOCON's option replaced, free of charge: FCA designated MOCON location.

Please consult the MOCON technical services department to determine which warranty statement applies to your instrument. This warranty applies to the original purchaser only, and is subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Units or systems with MOCON offered field training, either purchased as an option or included in the purchase price.
  - If field training is performed by MOCON personnel or "certified" representatives the warranty period is:
    - o One year from date of shipment from MOCON's factory for the Instrument.
    - Coulox® and IR Sensors in the following Instruments have an extended warranty as defined below:
      - OX-TRAN 2/22, 2/28, 2/40, 2/48
      - PERMATRAN-W 3/34
      - PERMATRAN-C 4/30
      - AQUATRAN 3/38, 3/40 (together, the 'Extended Warranty Instruments")

The extended warranty is defined as a Four-Year Pro Rata Warranty for the Coulox® and IR Sensors (the "Sensor(s)") installed by the factory in the Extended Warrant Instruments. If a Sensor is determined to be defective during the applicable warranty period, the sole and exclusive remedy shall be a discount, based on the table below, towards the purchase of a replacement Sensor or replacement of a Sensor at MOCON designated facility, FCA.

| Time after Shipment                        | Sensor Replacement Cost Discount     |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Less than one year                         | 100% off replacement cost at time of |
|  | replacement                          |
| Greater than 1 year but less than 2 years  | 75% off replacement cost at time of  |
|  | replacement                          |
| Greater than 2 years but less than 3 years | 50 % off replacement cost at time of |
|  | replacement                          |
| Greater than 3 years but less than 4 years | 25% off replacement cost at time of  |
| ,  | replacement                          |
| Greater than 4 years                       | No Discount                          |

- If field training is not purchased, the warranty period is Ninety days from date of shipment from MOCON's factory.
- 2. Units or systems without MOCON offered field training.
  - One year from date of shipment from MOCON's factory.

- 3. Spare parts, repairs and accessories when purchased separately and not a part of a new instrument order.
  - Ninety days from date of shipment from MOCON's factory.
- 4. This warranty covers normal use only. It does not cover damage that results from alteration, accident, misuse, abuse, neglect, or failure to follow assembly, installation, operational, or other MOCON instruction.
- 5. All warranty repair items are to be shipped at purchaser's expense, to and from MOCON
- 6. MOCON software is provided "as is" and MOCON makes no warranty as to the software, including up time. In no event shall MOCON be liable for any damages in excess of the price paid for software including, but not limited to, direct, consequential (including, without limitation, lost profits), special, exemplary, incidental and indirect damages, arising out of or in connection with the use, the results or the inability to use the software, and imposed under any cause of action whatsoever, including contract, warranty, strict liability, or negligence, even if MOCON has been notified of the possibility of such damages.

MOCON will also not be liable under any circumstances for Product replacement or associated labor, loss of use, loss of profits, or for any other indirect, incidental, collateral, exemplary, punitive, consequential or special damages, or losses arising out of the purchase of the Product and/or out of this limited warranty, even if MOCON or its' designated representative have been advised of the possibility of such damages or claims. To the extent such claims are not excludable as adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction, you agree to accept as sole and exclusive remedy, a payment equal to the original purchase price for the product adjudged to be defective. This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you might also have other rights that vary from country/region to country/region, state to state, or province to province.

SOME COUNTRIES, REGIONS, STATES OR PROVINCES DO NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSION OR LIMITATION OF REMEDIES OR OF INCIDENTAL, PUNITIVE, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, OR THE APPLICABLE TIME PERIODS, SO THE ABOVE LIMITATIONS OR EXCLUSIONS MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU. EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT LAWFULLY PERMITTED, THIS LIMITED WARRANTY DOES NOT EXCLUDE, RESTRICT OR MODIFY, AND IS IN ADDITION TO THE STATUTORY RIGHTS APPLICABLE TO THE SALE OF THIS PRODUCT TO YOU.

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#### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE POLICY

**MOCON** offers a complete range of service options to purchasers of MOCON instrumentation and systems.

#### ♦♦♦SERVICE PERFORMED WITHIN THE WARRANTY PERIOD♦♦♦

#### LOCAL SERVICE (IF AVAILABLE)

A request may be made for your local representative to visit your facility. If a special trip to your location is required, you will be billed for time, travel expenses, and parts. Once the representative arrives at your plant, parts (if covered by warranty) are free of charge. Contact your representative for labor rates. If you are unsure of whether you have a local representative, please contact MOCON and we will direct you to the location nearest you.

#### RETURN UNIT TO MOCON U.S.A.

If replacing the part appears to be beyond the local representative's capability or if no local representative exists, the customer may elect to ship the instrument back to the factory in Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A., for repairs. In this case, the Customer is responsible for round trip freight, insurance, and duties, with MOCON providing all labor and materials free of charge, subject to warranty restrictions. Our Service Department will keep turnaround time to a minimum.

#### **U.S.A. SERVICE PERSONNEL**

When the malfunction is considered by MOCON to be an emergency, MOCON service personnel can be dispatched from the U.S.A. to visit your facility and to correct the problem you are experiencing. The charges for this service include travel expenses incurred and portal-to-portal travel time at prevailing labor rates. Labor and parts expended while on your premises are free of charge, subject to warranty restrictions.

#### PART REPLACEMENT

If a local service representative is not available in country and if a defective part can be determined by the Customer's maintenance personnel, a free replacement part can be shipped collect to the customer for installation by the Customers maintenance personnel.

#### ♦♦♦SERVICE PERFORMED AFTER THE WARRANTY PERIOD♦♦♦

#### LOCAL SERVICE (IF AVAILABLE)

A request may be made for your local representative to visit your facility. If a special trip to your location is required, you will be billed for time, travel expenses, and parts. If you are unsure if you have a local representative, please contact MOCON and we will direct you to the location nearest you.

#### **RETURN UNIT TO MOCON U.S.A.**

If replacing the part appears to be beyond the local representative's capability or if no local representative exists, the Customer may elect to ship the instrument back to the factory in Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A., for repairs. The Customer is responsible for round trip freight, insurance and duties, and will be billed for parts and labor required to accomplish the repair. If the required parts are in stock, turnaround time is minimal.

#### **U.S.A. SERVICE PERSONNEL**

When the malfunction is considered by MOCON to be an emergency, MOCON service personnel can be dispatched from the U.S.A. to visit your facility and to correct the problem you are experiencing. The charges for this service include travel expenses incurred, portal-to-portal travel time at prevailing labor rates, and parts expended.

#### **PART REPLACEMENT**

If a local service representative is not available in country and if a defective part can be determined by the customer's maintenance personnel, a replacement part can be shipped collect to the customer for installation by in-house maintenance personnel. Charges will include the cost of the parts plus shipping.



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#### DOMESTIC SERVICE POLICY

MOCON offers a complete range of service options to purchasers of MOCON instrumentation and systems.

#### \*\*\*SERVICE PERFORMED WITHIN THE WARRANTY PERIOD\*\*\*

#### **RETURN UNIT TO MOCON**

The Customer may elect to ship the instrument back to the factory in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for repairs. In this case, the Customer will pay the charge for round trip freight and insurance, with MOCON providing all labor and materials free of charge subject to warranty restrictions.

#### SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE VISIT

If malfunction is considered by MOCON to be an emergency, a MOCON service representative will be dispatched from MOCON to visit the Customer's facility to correct the problem. The charges for this service include all travel expenses and the service technician's portal-to-portal travel time at the prevailing labor rates. Labor and parts expended while on the Customer's premises are free of charge, subject to warranty restrictions.

#### ♦♦♦SERVICE PERFORMED AFTER WARRANTY PERIOD♦♦♦

In the event that repairs are required after the warranty period, the Purchaser again has several alternatives.

#### PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Preventive maintenance contracts are available. MOCON recommends the instruments sold by MOCON have preventative maintenance performed yearly to facilitate calibration and reduce the likeliness of unexpected failures and downtime. If it is found during the PM visit that repairs are needed, repairs may be able to be performed during the PM visit if time in the schedule permits. Additional labor charges may apply for repairs conducted during the PM visit.

#### **RETURN UNIT TO MOCON**

The Customer may elect to ship the instrument back to the factory in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for repairs. The Customer is responsible for the cost of round-trip freight and insurance. The Customer will be billed for parts and labor required accomplishing the repair.

#### SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE VISIT

If malfunction is considered by MOCON to be an emergency, a MOCON service representative will be dispatched from MOCON to visit the Customer's facility to correct the problem. The charges for this service include all travel expenses, the service technician's portal-to-portal travel time at prevailing labor rates, parts used, and on-stie labor at the prevailing labor rates to repair the equipment.

#### **\*\*\*GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS\*\*\***

- Invoices are due NET 30 days (with approved credit) and are billed and payable in U.S. dollars.
- All parts are shipped EXW MOCON factory Minneapolis, Minnesota; freight and Insurance will be billed separately.
- MOCON insures all shipments unless advised otherwise.
- All repairs after the original instrument warranty period are warranted for 90 days on parts and labor, EXW. MOCON factory.

Please refer to the latest version of MOCON's Warranty Policy sheet for warranty information.

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# **Appendix D: Theory of Operation**

#### **How the Oxygen Sensor Works**

The Coulox oxygen sensor is a fuel cell that performs in accordance with Faraday's Law. When exposed to oxygen, the sensor generates an electrical current that is proportional to the amount of oxygen entering the sensor.

The sensor has a cadmium anode and a graphite cathode. The cathodic and anodic reactions respectively:

$$1/2O_2 + H_2O + 2e \rightarrow 2OH^-$$
  
Cd + 2OH<sup>-</sup> - 2e \rightarrow Cd (OH)<sub>2</sub>

The electrons create a current which can be used to calculate the amount of oxygen entering the Coulox sensor. As noted, each oxygen molecule entering the sensor results in four free electrons creating an electrical current. One mole of oxygen (22.4 liters at 0 °C and 760 mmHg) would produce four Faradays of current.

Because one Faraday = 96,500 Ampere-seconds, each mole of oxygen will produce  $4 \times 96,500 = 3.86 \times 10^5$  Ampere-seconds. In more practical terms one cc of oxygen in 24 hours = 0.000199 Amperes of current.

#### How the Transmission Rate is measured

The OX-TRAN Model 2/28 measures transmission rate by directly measuring the current produced by the sensor. The vertical axis on the Permeant Sensor (Raw Counts) graph is current (1 count =  $\sim$  10 pA).

The measured current is then corrected and scaled using the gain, barometric pressure and area as is appropriate for the Test Method and Permeant Sensor calibration specified for the measurement.

#### How the ReZero Cell Works

The transmission rate measured for samples mounted in the Test Cells is the sum of the transmission rate due to permeation through the barrier material and all other sources of oxygen ingress. This includes the system baseline. If the system baseline can be measured, subtracting it from the apparent transmission rate of the Test Cells will give a more accurate representation for the transmission rate of the barrier material.

During a ReZero State the instrument routes carrier gas (which is at the same temperature as used in the Test Cells) to the oxygen sensor. The instrument components used to perform this function are referred to as the ReZero Cell. The ReZero Cell is different from the Test Cells in that it does not contain a barrier material that is exposed to a Test Gas. This means that any residual oxygen in the carrier gas is not due to permeation through the barrier materials mounted in the Test Cells. The residual oxygen measured in the ReZero State is therefore considered to be a good representation of the system baseline.

Periodically the instrument baseline is measured using the ReZero Cell. The ReZero Interval and Examination Time is determined the by currently active Test Method. The resulting data is used to correct the transmission rate data for any active tests. This ensures that changes in the baseline do not affect the accuracy of the transmission rate data.

#### Factors that Affect the Transmission Rate of a Barrier Material

The oxygen transmission rate of barrier materials is affected by several factors:

- Barrier test temperature
- Test gas (oxygen) concentration effect on driving force
- Barometric pressure effect on driving force

#### **Barrier Temperature**

The temperature at which the barrier is tested has a great effect (usually logarithmic) on transmission rate. This makes temperature one of the most important test conditions for most barrier materials. Many barriers exhibit a 6% to 15% rise in oxygen transmission rate for each degree C rise in temperature.

#### **Test Gas Driving Force**

The driving force of the test gas has a direct effect on the oxygen transmission rate. The driving force of the test gas is affected by the oxygen concentration of the test gas and the ambient Barometric pressure.

#### **Barometric Pressure**

Barometric pressure has a proportional effect on the oxygen transmission rate of a specimen due to the increase/decrease in the density of the test gas.

The instrument automatically compensates all transmission rate data to sea-level pressure (760 mmHg).

Due to the wide potential variation in altitudes, reproducibility between laboratories may not be possible unless the transmission rate data is compensated to sea-level pressure. The instrument compensates all transmission rate data to sea-level pressure using the following ratio:

Standard barometric pressure (760mmHg)

Ambient barometric pressure

# **Appendix E: Electrical and Plumbing Diagrams**

Title Part Number

Plumbing Diagram, OX-TRAN Model 2/28 054-087

Electrical Diagram, OX-TRAN Model 2/28 054-088

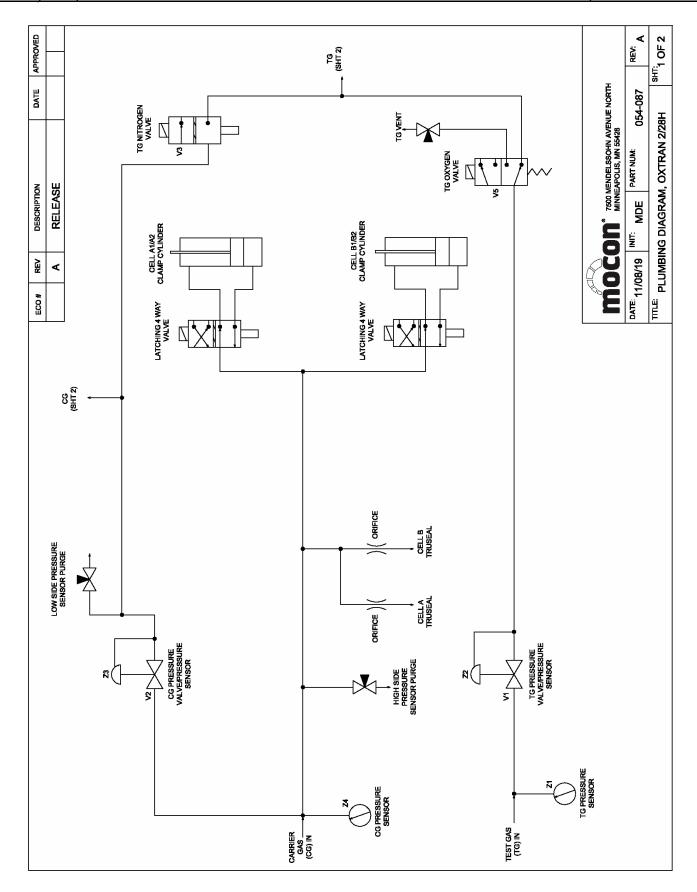


Figure 8-1: Plumbing Diagram Page 1

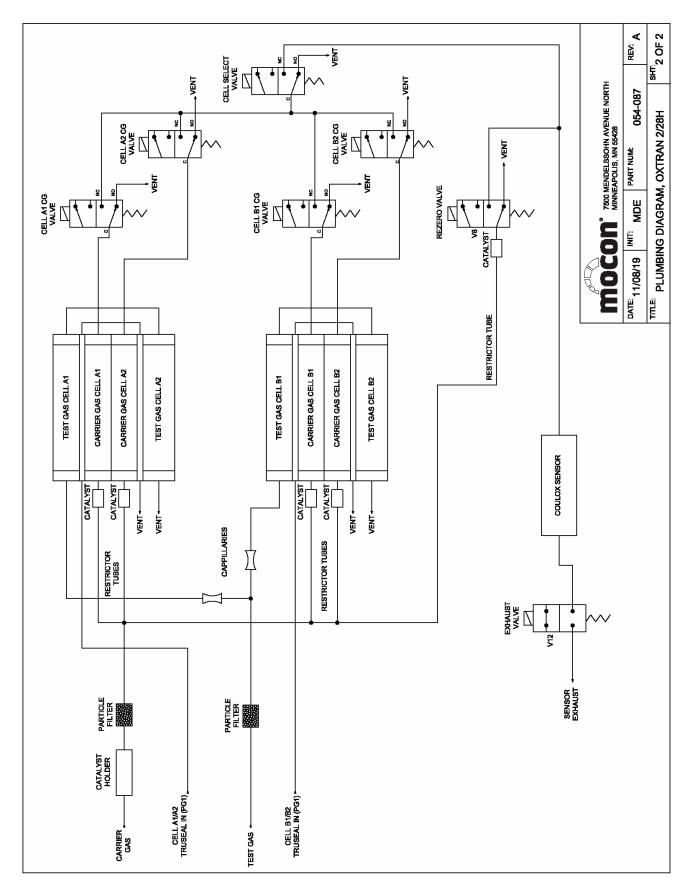


Figure 8-2: Plumbing Diagram Page 2

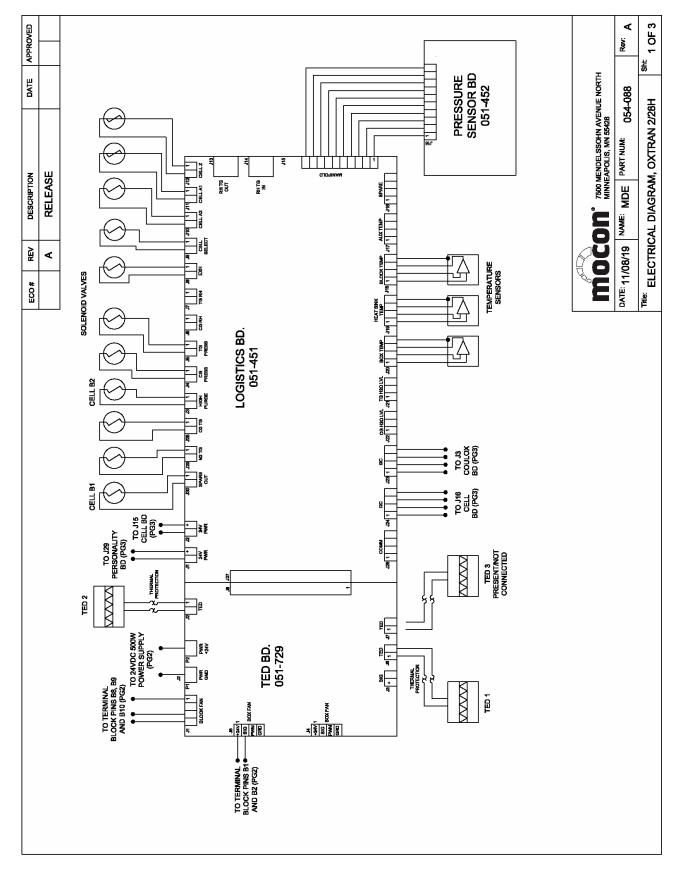


Figure 8-3: Electrical Diagram Page 1

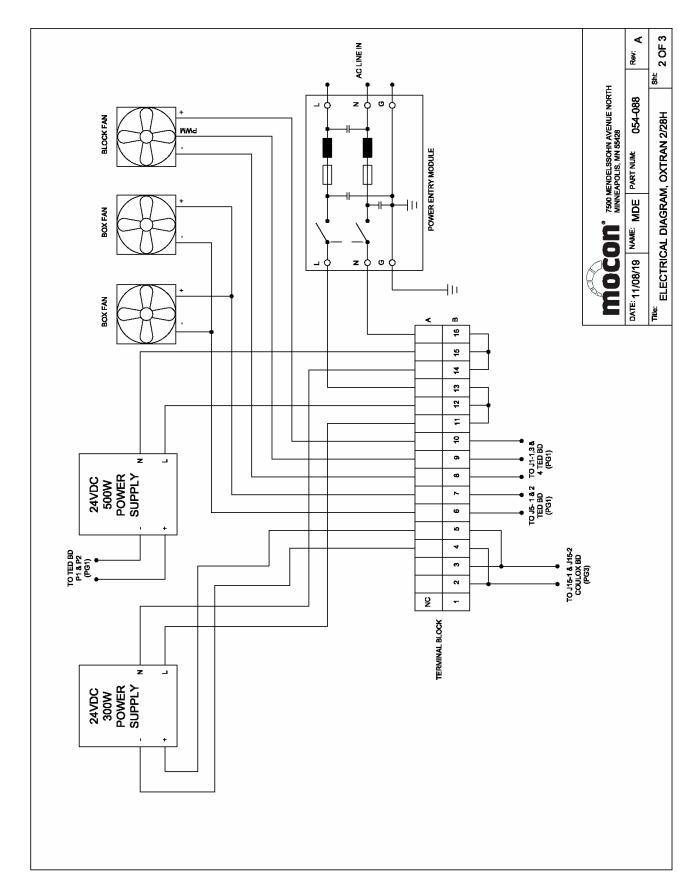


Figure 8-4: Electrical Diagram Page 2

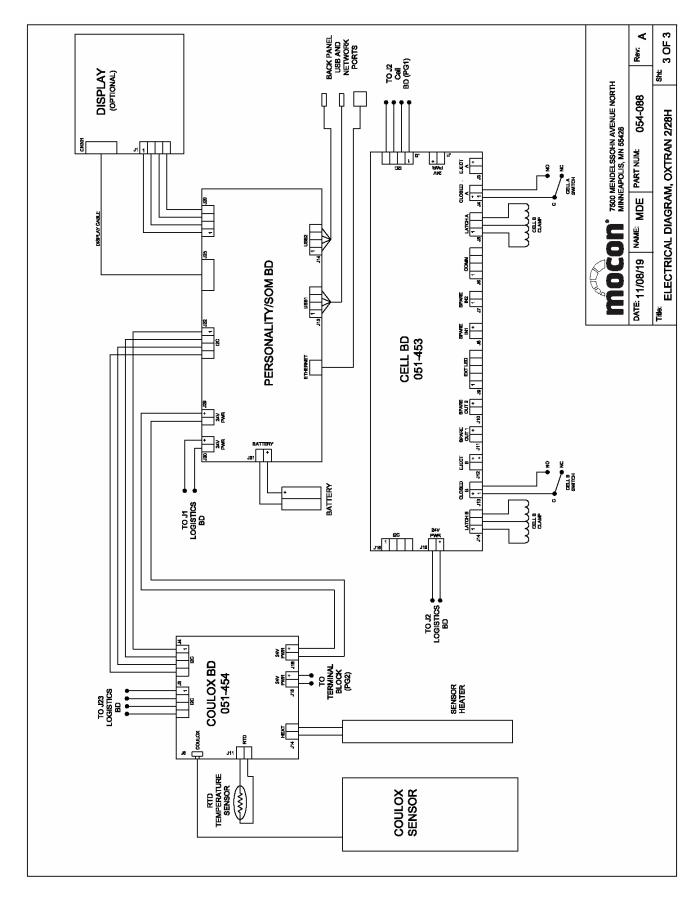


Figure 8-5: Electrical Diagram Page 3

# **Appendix F: Permeant Sensor Adjustment**

The Permeant Sensor in the OX-TRAN Model 2/28 is a Coulometric oxygen detector. The patented Coulox sensor has a high degree of intrinsic accuracy. It is not necessary to calibrate a Coulox Permeant Sensor.

However, there are slight differences in efficiency between Coulox sensors. This may result in a small bias in the values reported between instruments. The reproducibility between instruments can be improved by adjusting the Permeant Sensor output. Adjustment of the Permeant Sensor is usually beneficial only when testing very good barriers and reproducibility between instruments is required.

NOTE:

MOCON is not responsible for problems resulting from improper use of the Permeant Sensor Adjustment function or use of an inadequate transmission rate reference material.

#### **Permeant Sensor Performance Check**

The accuracy of the oxygen sensor can only be checked by using a film to generate a reference transmission rate. The transmission rate of this film must be known to a high degree of accuracy. In addition, it is highly desirable that the film have a NIST traceable certificate of accuracy. MOCON strongly discourages using any material that does not meet these conditions.

Mocon strongly advises using only our Certified Films to check the accuracy of the Permeant Sensor. Refer to the "Permeant Sensor Adjustment Test Setup" in this chapter for information on setting up a test to check the accuracy of the oxygen sensor.

NOTE:

Mocon has available sets of certified NIST traceable films that cover the usual testing range. A fourth certified NIST traceable film is available for extreme low transmission rate testing. Call MOCON in the USA at (763) 493-6370 for more information.

Adjustment of the permeant (Coulox) sensor is a two-step process. First, a film sample with a known transmission rate must be tested. Refer to the "Permeant Sensor Adjustment Test Setup" in this chapter for information on setting up a film test. The data from the test can then be used to adjust the permeant sensor.

After suitable data is available the "OTR Adjustment" screens can be used to create and assign a Permeant Sensor calibration record. Refer to the Instrument Help System for more information on creating a Permeant Sensor calibration record.

After a Permeant Sensor calibration record has been created and saved it can be viewed, assigned, inactivated or deleted using the "OTR Adjustment" screens. Refer to the Instrument Help System for more information on using the "OTR Adjustment" screens.

#### **Permeant Sensor Adjustment Test Setup**

To calibrate an instrument to a standard reference film or a certified film use the following procedure:

NOTE: Mocon has available Certified NIST Films that cover the usual testing range. Call MOCON in

the USA at (763) 493-6370 for more information.

NOTE: Mocon Certified NIST Films, if not damaged, should last for a year. Do not use the film if it is

wrinkled, punctured or contaminated with grease or fingerprints.

*NOTE:* Certified films should be stored in a manner that will keep them clean and free from wrinkles.

MOCON Certified NIST traceable films should be stored in the provided case.

NOTE: MOCON is not responsible for problems resulting from improper calibration or use of an

inadequate transmission rate reference material.

5. Select a Certified Film that most closely approximates the transmission rate of the film

samples you will be testing.

6. Unclamp and remove the Test Cell from the instrument.

7. Mount the Certified Film (or other reference material) in the Test Cell. For information on

mounting films see "Mounting Samples in the Test Cell" on page 5-4.

8. Replace the test cell and clamp it in place. For information on installing and clamping the

Test Cell see "Loading and Unloading the Test Cell" on page 5-6.

9. The Calibration Film Test Procedure should be performed using an "Advanced" Test

Method. For information on how to set up an Advanced Test see the instrument Help

System.

10. Verify the following Instrument Level parameters have been correctly assigned:

Cell Temperature: If using certified films, the test temperature must be 23.0 °C. If

calibrating with another known film, use the temperature at which the transmission rate for the film was measured.

Instrument ReZero: Instrument ReZero Enabled

ReZero Frequency 1
ReZero Exam Minutes 25

NOTE: Use of the "Test ID", "Sample ID" and "Material ID" fields is advised to document all of the

relevant information on the specific material used to perform the test.

11. Verify the following Cell Level parameters have been correctly assigned:

Package/Film selection: Verify that Package is selected if using a Certified film. If using

another film, set the Package/Film buttons to the appropriate selection for the method used to establish the reference

transmission rate.

Area/Cell: Verify the area is set correctly when not using Package mode.

12. Verify the following Test Level parameters have been correctly assigned:

Test Mode: Verify the Test Mode parameter is set to continuous mode.

Exam Minutes: Set the examination time appropriately for the sample being

tested. At least 25 minutes is recommended.

Individual Zero Mode: Use of an "Individual Zero" test phase is strongly advised. Set

the Individual Zero control to the "On" position. Set the

Individual Zero Mode parameter to "Beginning".

13. After the film has been mounted and test parameters correctly assigned, start testing the reference sample.

14. Monitor the progress of the test using the "Cell Status" and "Instrument Status" screens. When the reference sample has reached equilibrium, advance the cell to the "Test Complete" state. The sample is usually considered to be at equilibrium when there is no discernable trend in the data.

NOTE: Do not advance the test to the Test Complete state unless the certified film is at equilibrium.

15. Adjust the output of the Permeant Sensor using the "OTR Adjustment" screen. Refer to the Instrument Help System for more information on performing an adjustment.

NOTE: Calibration films should be stored in a manner that will keep them clean and free from wrinkles. MOCON Certified NIST Films should be stored in the provided case. You will need to use these films again whenever a module needs re-calibration.

# **Appendix G: Compliance**



### Declaration of Conformity

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Type of Equipment: Electrical Equipment for measurement, Control and Laboratory Use

Model: OX-TRAN Model 2/28 H

Application of Council Directive(s): 2014/35/EU Low Voltage Directive

2014/30/EU EMC Directive 2011/65/EU RoHS Directive

Standard(s) to which conformity is declared:

IEC 61010-1:2010 Third Edition

EN 61326-1:2013

Class A Radiated & Conducted Basic Immunity Test Requirements

EN 61000-3-2:2014 (Rev 4) EN 61000-3-3:2013 (Ed 3)

This declaration is based on an understanding of the materials used and information provided by thirdparty suppliers. AMETEK MOCON proactively manages the supply chain to ensure information pertaining to composition of the materials used is accurate. AMETEK MOCON has not and does not conduct destructive testing or chemical analysis to verify material composition.

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