Tritium - C-14 Survey Meter

Model - TriCair A, B, Select

FEATURES:

- C-14 and T₂O MODES TWO CHANNEL MEASUREMENT, SWITCH SELECTABLE
- HIGH SENSITIVITY TO 5µCi/m³ (0.5 DAC) H-3
- FAST RESPONSE 15 SECOND TIME CONSTANT
- RESPONSE TO RADON SUPPRESSION CIRCUIT ENSURES NOISE FREE OPERATION
- NO ZERO DRIFT BETTER THAN 1µCi/m³
- RAPID WARM UP LESS THAN 30 SECONDS
- BATTERY POWER
- PORTABLE / DIGITAL READ OUT



APPLICATION:

The required radiological protection for Tritium compounds is different than that for Carbon-14. The presence of Tritium in the working environment may be an indication of a leak in the containment. Knowing

this, the user of the TriCair *A*, *B*, *Select* can rapidly locate the point of release and more efficiently secure the source of leak.

DESCRIPTION:

The TriCair *A*, *B*, *Select* can be configured as "sniffer" to provide real-time indication of C-14 And T₂O concentrations allows the user to quickly Identify airborne presence of these 2 low energy Beta emitters.

The TriCair *A, B, Select* Tritium and C-14 Detector has the unique ability to monitor for Tritium compounds and airborne C-14 in real time while providing gamma compensation. The two measurement channels, ¹⁴CO₂ and ³H appear on a single digital display.

SENSITIVITY:

The sensitivity of the TriCair **A**, **B**, **Select** is better than 5 μ Ci/m³ (0.5 DAC) for T₂O. The sensitivity to C-14 is better than 6 μ Ci/m³.

RADON INTERFERENCE, NOISE RESPONSE:

Unambiguous measurement of very low Tritium and C-14 levels requires a monitor that can ignore ambient Radon. The TriCair *A, B, Select* incorporates a Radon suppression circuit and therefore produces accurate and drift-free readings.

FAST RESPONSE:

Exceptionally rapid response is due to its unique ability to ignore Radon. The instrument has an electronic time constant of only 10 seconds, a pneumatic time constant of about 12 seconds, for an overall time constant of only 15 seconds. Meter readings will reach 90% of final value with 30 seconds to a step response of aspirated Tritium or C-14.





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FAST WARM UP, NO ZERO DRIFT:

After applying power, the initial transient "warm up" drift effects take less than a minute. Long term drifts have been eliminated and manual zero adjustments are no longer required.

DESICCANT COLUMN:

A desiccant column prevents the Tritium oxide from entering the C-14 Ion chamber. The indicator type desiccant changes color from blue to pink when it is exhausted. Regeneration will restore the drying capacity.

GAMMA COMPENSATION:

The instrument has active gamma compensation with 2x2 ionization chamber geometry.



C-14 - T₂O Switch



Desiccant Cartridge

Model	Tritium	Inorganic Carbon-14	Organic Carbon-14
TriCair-A	T ₂ O	¹⁴ CO ₂	N/A
TriCair-B	T ₂ O	N/A	Organic C-14
TriCair-Select	T ₂ O	C-14 – is user selectable Organic C-14 Organic C-14	







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SPECIFICATIONS:

TRITIUM RANGE: 1.0 to 1999.9 µCi/m³, basic sensitivity of the order of 5 µCi/m³

CARBON-14 RANGE: 1.0 to 1999.9 µCi/m³, basic sensitivity of the order of 1.0 µCi/m³

DISPLAY: 0-19.999 digits, LCD panel meter

H-3 & C-14 MODES: Two channel measurement, switch selectable ACCURACY: $\pm 10\%$ of reading, $\pm 2~\mu$ Ci/m³, whichever is greater

ZERO STABILITY: ±2 μCi/m³ long term

NOISE: $\pm 2 \,\mu \text{Ci/m}^3$, with 10 second time constant

GAMMA COMPENSATION: Chamber pair mounted side by side reduces errors due to

external Gamma radiation.

ALPHA PULSE SUPPRESION: Circuit provides recognition and cancellation of airborne Radon

noise spikes 30 seconds to reach 90% of final reading

RESPONSE RATE ALARM: <u>Acoustic:</u>

1. Ten position stepped attenuator set point for signal alarm: 2-1000 uCi/m3, steady tone. Off position included.

2. Low flow, intermittent tone.

3. Mute switch

ALARM: Visual LED: Signal level: Red; Low Flow: Yellow; Low battery:

Flashing Red

EXTERNAL CONNECTIONS: Mini DIN plug for output signa and alarms

WARM-UP TIME: Less than 5 minutes for high voltage power supplies to stabilize ALARM SYSTEM: Single alarm, with set point adjustable from 1 to 1000 µCi/m³

ION CHAMBER VOLUME: Effective: 200m³; Port to Port: 660 cm³ ENVIRONMENTAL: Operating: 0° C to 50° C (32° F to 122° F)

Humidity: 0-95% RH non-condensing

PHYSICAL CABINET: 19" Rack mount, aluminum extrusions front and rear panels

POWER: 115 VAC or 240 VAC 50/60 Hz

DIMENSIONS: 8.8" (223mm) H x 19.0" (483mm) W x 16.0" (406mm) D

WEIGHT: 40 lbs (18.2 kg)

FLOWMETER: Nominally 1.5 - 2 lpm

PUMP: Internal rotary vane pump.

FILTER: HEPA in-line disposable cartridge

BATTERIES: 2 "D" NiMH. External jack for supplementary power input &

charging

POWER CONVERTER: 100 - 240 VAC 50/60 Hz. 25A TO 3.3 Vdc @ 1.2 A 5.5 m O.D. x

2.1 mm I.D. Plug, ceter pin is positive

WEIGHT: 6.5 lbs (3.4kg)







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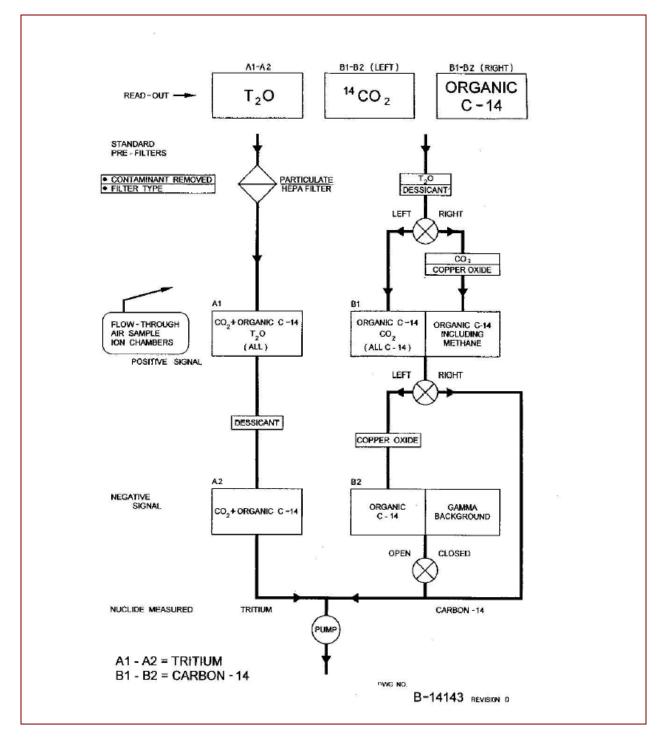
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DIMENSIONS: 7.6" (193mm) L x 5.2" (132mm) W x 6.9" (175mm) D excluding

handle

DESSICANT COLUMN: Clear polycarbonate cartridge









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