

# AlphaGUARD

## Portable Radon Lab



### The reference instrument in radon monitoring

The new generation of AlphaGUARD offers high detection efficiency in radon monitoring, with a wide measurement range (2 – 2,000,000 Bq/m<sup>3</sup>), fast response and permanent, maintenance-free operation with long-term stable calibration. In addition to the radon concentration, AlphaGUARD simultaneously measures and records ambient temperature, relative humidity and atmospheric pressure with embedded sensors. Optimal ergonomics, high responsiveness and a large digital display make AlphaGUARD a reference device to perform measurement and analysis everywhere from a lab to the field.



### Soil Measurement

Emanations from underground are measured with the soil probe



### Water Measurement

Radon gas in water is controlled with AquaKIT.



### Calibration facilities



### Radon Progenies

Radon progeny concentration is measured with AlphaPM



### Air Measurement

Thoron gas discrimination and measurement mode available



In combination with the radon chamber, AlphaGUARD allows the measurement of radon in material and the calibration of any other radon instruments

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## TECHNOLOGY

	D 50	D 2000	DF 2000
Type of radon detector	Ionization chamber, HV „I 750 VDC		
Mode of operation	3D-alpha spectroscopy and current mode		
Total detector volume	0,62 liter (38 cubic inches)		
Active detector volume	0,56 liter (34 cubic inches)		
Type of Radon progeny filter (detector entry window)	Fiberglass filter (retention coefficient >99,9 %)		
Detector filling mechanism	Design-optimized for fast passive diffusion		
Transient response function (time delay)	Signal > 30 % after 10 min Signal > 70 % after 20 min Signal > 90 % after 30 min		
Detector signal acquisition	fast digital signal sampling network, using three separate ADC channels		
Spectral signal extraction	DSP (Digital Signal Processing), on-line-cross correlation algorithms		
Detector efficiency	1 CPM at 20 Bq/m <sup>3</sup> (or at 0,55 pCi/l)		
Detector efficiency in Rn/Tn discrimination mode for radon for thoron at 1l/min flow rate for thoron at 2l/min flow rate	-	-	1 CPM at 60 Bq/m <sup>3</sup> (1,6 pCi/l) 1 CPM at 200 Bq/m <sup>3</sup> (5,5 pCi/l) 1 CPM at 140 Bq/m <sup>3</sup> (3,8 pCi/l)
Background signal due to internal detector contamination	< 1 Bq/m <sup>3</sup> (0.03 pCi/l)		
Measurement range Radon (Rn-222)	2 Bq/m <sup>3</sup> ;K 50 000 Bq/m <sup>3</sup> (<0.05 pCi/l ;K 1 350 pCi/l)		2 Bq/m <sup>3</sup> ;K 2 000 000 Bq/m <sup>3</sup> (<0.05 pCi/l ;K 54 000 pCi/l)
Measurement range Thoron (Rn-220)	-	-	2 Bq/m <sup>3</sup> ;K 2 000 000 Bq/m <sup>3</sup> (0.05 pCi/l ;K 54 000 pCi/l)
Resolution on LCD display	1 Bq/m <sup>3</sup> (0.01 pCi/l)		
Fold back protection	> 10.000.000 Bq/m <sup>3</sup> (> 300 000 pCi/l) verified		
System linearity error	< 3% within total range		
Instrument calibration error (Rn-222)	± 3 % (plus uncertainty of the primary standard)		
Flow range of pump	-	-	Flow-regulated: 0,05 - 0,5 l/min, 1 l/min, 2 l/min
Data capacity (non-volatile)	Up to 60 000 measurement points ~ 400 days at 10 min measuring cycle ~ 2 500 days at 60 min measuring cycle		Up to 60 000 measurement points ~ 40 days at 1 min measuring cycle ~ 400 days at 10 min measuring cycle ~ 2 500 days at 60 min measuring cycle

## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

	D 50	D 2000	DF 2000
Dimensions without handle (L x W x H) Dimensions with handle (L x W x H)	282 mm x 340 mm x 123 mm 329 mm x 355 mm x 123 mm		
System operating range -Temperature -Atmospheric pressure -Humidity	-10 °C ... +50 °C (+14 ... +122 °F) 700 mbar ... 1100 mbar 0 % rH ... 95 % rH (non-condensing)		
Weight (incl. Internal battery)	6,2 kg (13,7 lbs)		7 kg (15,4 lbs)
Resolution of graphic display	160 x 104 pixels		
Operation from internal battery in diffusion mode	> 10 days		

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## MULTIPARAMETER FEATURES


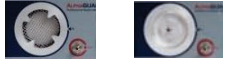
<b>Atmospheric air pressure</b> -Type of sensor -Measurement range -Resolution displayed on Screen -Resolution under DataVIEW or DataEXPERT -Initial calibration uncertainty	piezo-resistive semiconductor sensor 700 mbar ... 1100 mbar 0,1 mbar 0,1 mbar +/- 3 mbar	<b>Relocation sensor</b> -Type of sensor -Events detected -Notation for DataEXPERT	Three-axis, capacitive semiconductor sensor Gentle acceleration (low-frequency only) Number of events per cycle (max. 254)
<b>Ambient temperature (sensor in ionization chamber)</b> -Type of sensor -Measurement range -Resolution displayed on Screen -Resolution under DataVIEW or DataEXPERT -Initial calibration uncertainty	Band gap semiconductor sensor - 20 °C ... + 70 °C (- 4 ... + 158 °F) 0,1 °C (0,1 °F) 0,1 °C (0,1 °F) +/- 1,5 °C (+/-2,5 °F)	<b>Mains power monitor</b> -Operating principle -Events detected -Notation for DataEXPERT	Monitors ext. 10 ... 32 VDC supply from mains adapter Loss or restart of mains supply, charging Irrevocable flag set for loss or restart and charging
<b>Relative air humidity (sensor in ionization chamber)</b> -Type of sensor -Measurement range -Resolution displayed on Screen -Resolution under DataVIEW or DataEXPERT -Initial calibration uncertainty	Capacitive semiconductor sensor 0 % rH ... 99 % rH 0,1 % rH 0,1 % rH +/- 3 % rH	<b>External counter signal channel 1 &amp; 2</b> -Operating principle -Events detected -Measuring range -Notation for DataEXPERT	Pulse counter Counts per minute (cpm) 0 ... 10 kHz Series of statistical values of pulse rate
<b>External sensor channel 1 &amp; 2</b> -Measurement range -Resolution under DataVIEW or DataEXPERT -Signal sampling rate -Total signal error -Input impedace -Input connector type	0 VDC ... 2,5 VDC 0,00061 VDC 30 per minute +/- 0,01 VDC plus +/- 3 % 10 kOhm HIROSE HR10A-10R-10PB	<b>Gamma dose rate channel (option)</b> -Type of sensor -Measuring range -Initial calibration uncertainty -Resolution displayed on Screen	Geiger-Müller tube 20 nSv/h ... 10 mSv/h +/- 20 rel.-% 1 nSv/h

## ALPHAGUARD MODELS CHARACTERISTICS AND APPLICATION AREAS

	D 50	D 2000	DF 2000
Flow mode (internal pump)	-	-	✓
Measuring cycles (Diffusion)	10 min 60 min Overhead cycling		
Measuring cycles (Flow)	-	-	1 min 10 min 10 min (Rn/Tn mode) Overhead cycling
Radon in air	Diffusion		Diffusion and Flow
Radon/Thoron discrimination	-	-	✓
Radon in soil gas (Soil gas probe)	-	-	✓
Radon in water samples (AquaKIT)	-	-	✓
Radon progenies (AlphaPM)	✓	✓	✓
Dose rate (ODL Module)	✓	✓	✓
Multisensor Unit	✓	✓	✓
Calibration measurements	Inside container by diffusion		Inside / outside container by diffusion/flow
Emanation measurements	Inside container by diffusion		Inside / outside container by diffusion/flow
Exhalation measurements	Inside Radon box by diffusion		Inside / outside Radon box by diffusion/flow

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Measuring Range	2 – 50 000 Bq/m3	2 – 2 000 000 Bq/m3	
Operation Mode	 Diffusion Mode		 Diffusion and Flow Mode Rn / Tn Mode
Internal Pump	-	-	✓
Polyvalent (Rn in air, soil gas, water)	-	-	✓

Deliverables	D50 / D2000	DF2000
Transport case	✓	✓
Mains-/charging adapter	✓	✓
USB cable	✓	✓
Dust protection bag (Tyvek)	✓	✓
Diffusion adapter	✓	✓
Flow through adapter	-	✓
Hexagon key for flow through adapter	-	✓
Air tube (ca. 2 m)	-	✓
Radon progeny filter	-	✓



## SPARE PARTS

P0001071	Radon Progeny Filter
P0000164	Booster Akku
P0003810	FlowStop for AlphaGUARD
P0000163	MINI-DIN Multi Adapter
R0001106	Dust protection bag / Tyvek

