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Preface

Hazard and Safety Information

This product must only be operated and maintained by trained personnel.

This manual uses the following standard safety protocols:

WARNING

Warnings indicate a particular procedure or practice, which if not followed correctly, could lead to serious injury.

CAUTION

Cautions indicate a particular procedure or practice, which if not followed, could cause damage to the equipment.

NOTE

Notes contain important information.

Before operating or servicing equipment, read and thoroughly understand all operation/ maintenance manuals provided by Agilent. Be aware of the hazards associated with this equipment, know how to recognize potentially hazardous conditions, and how to avoid them. Read carefully and strictly observe all cautions and warnings. The consequences of unskilled, improper, or careless operation of the equipment can be serious.

In addition, consult local, state, and national agencies regarding specific requirements and regulations. Address any safety, operation, and/or maintenance questions to your nearest Agilent office.

Grounding the Multi-Gauge and senTorr Controllers

Be certain that your UHV-24/UHV-24p Ion Gauge Controller and vacuum system are separately grounded to a common ground.

WARNING

- ❑ *Do not place a ground wire between the vacuum chamber and the controller chassis; large continuous currents could flow through it.*
- ❑ *Personnel can be killed by high voltages (160 to 900 V may be present in an improperly grounded system).*
- ❑ *Make absolutely sure that your vacuum system is grounded as shown in Figure 1.*
- ❑ *Test the system ground to be sure that it is complete and capable of supporting at least 10 A.*

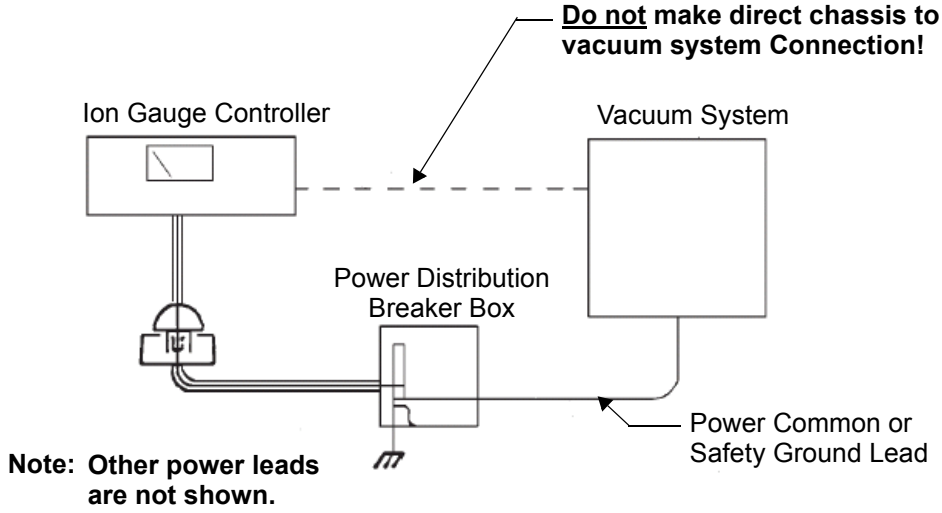

Figure 1 Ion Gauge and Vacuum System Connections

Use with Combustibles and Mixtures

WARNING

As with all ionization gauges, this device is not intrinsically safe. Exercise extreme care when using this vacuum gauge while pumping or backfilling a system or in any other system condition which contains combustible gases or mixtures. The filament, the end of a hot filament ion gauge and the high voltage discharge of a cold cathode gauge can be ignition sources.

When such a gas or mixture is present, do not turn on any such vacuum gauge. Failure to follow this instruction could result in serious injury to personnel and damage to equipment.

Vacuum Equipment and Cleanliness

Cleanliness is vital when servicing any vacuum equipment.

CAUTION

Do not use silicone oil or silicone grease.

Use powder-free butyl or polycarbonate gloves to prevent skin oils from getting on vacuum surfaces.

Do not clean any aluminum parts with Alconox. AIconox is not compatible with aluminum and will cause damage.

NOTE

Normally, it is unnecessary to use vacuum grease. However, if it must be used, do not use silicone types, and use it sparingly. Apiezon L grease is recommended (Agilent Part Number 695400004).

Contacting Agilent

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UHV-24/UHV-24p Ionization Gauge

The UHV-24 Nude Ionization Gauge, with an x-ray limit of $2x10^{-11}$ Torr, provides reliable pressure measurement from 1 mTorr down to $2x10^{-10}$ Torr, with reduced performance at pressures lower than $2x10^{-10}$ Torr.

The UHV-24p Nude Ionization Gauge utilizes an extremely thin collector which lowers its x-ray limit to $5x10^{-12}$ Torr. As a result, it can measure pressure from 1m Torr down to $5x10^{-11}$Torr, with reduced performance at pressures lower than $5x10^{-11}$ Torr.

Properly mounted nude gauges, where the grid structure protrudes into the vacuum chamber, offer the lowest error in terms of the local vacuum pressure being the same as the chamber pressure. Both gauges are available with either dual tungsten or thoriated iridium filaments, which are field replaceable.

Nude gauges are recommended for bakeable, all-metal, ultra-high vacuum systems where maximum exposure to the vacuum gives the highest possible accuracy. The gauges are designed with replaceable dual filament assemblies.

Principles of Operation

The UHV-24/UHV-24p Nude Ionization Gauge contains three elements:

- Filament – The filament serves as a source of electrons.
- Grid – The grid functions as the electron collector operating at a positive potential (typically +150 V) with respect to the filament.
- Collector wire – Along the center of the cylindrical grid structure is a very small diameter ion collector wire operating at a negative potential (typically 28 V) with respect to the filament.

The process is s follows:

1. Electrons from the filament pass through the grid several times, on average, before being collected at the grid. While passing through the interior of the grid structure, the electrons ionize gas molecules at a rate which is proportional to the gas density.
2. The positive ions produced on the inside of the grid structure are accelerated toward and are neutralized at the collector by electrons from the external circuit. The number of ions produced per electron is proportional to gas density, and the positive ion current to the ion collector is used as an indication of pressure. Thus, for a constant value of accelerating voltage in excess of the ionization potential of the gas, the number of positive ions formed should vary linearly with pressure and with electron current. This is described by the relation:

$$I_c = S \cdot P \cdot I_e$$

where:

- I_c is the ion current in amperes to the collector,
- I_e is the electron current in amperes to the grid, and
- P is the pressure in Torr.

The sensitivity, S, of a given ion gauge is the proportionality constant in the basic ionization gauge equation above. Thus,

$$S = \frac{1}{P} \cdot \frac{I_c}{I_e}$$

For UHV-24 gauges, S for air (nitrogen) is 25 $(Torr)^{-1}$. For the UHV-24p, S for air (Nitrogen) is 20 $(Torr)^{-1}$. The normal operating electron current is 4 mA. For the UHV-24, the ion current at a pressure of 10^{-9} Torr is 10^{-10} A.

Installation

Agilent ionization gauges can be operated with any ion gauge control unit capable of supplying the necessary operating voltages and currents. Degassing of this gauge is by electron bombardment of the grid.

To install the gauge:

1. Remove the metal sleeve protecting the collector wire.
2. Mount the nude ionization gauges in any position.

NOTE

Install the gauge in a relatively open space to reduce wall outgassing due to localized heating by the filament. When the gauges are mounted horizontally, position the filaments to the side of the grid rather than below or above it so that a slight vertical movement of the grid or filament does not change their relative spacing.

Operating Specifications

Table 1 Normal Operating Requirements

Item	Requirement
Filament Voltage	3 to 4.5 V (AC or DC) - Varies with pressure and emission current
Filament Current	2.5 to 3.5 A - Varies with pressure and emission current
Element Voltages	Collector voltage: $V_c = 0$ Filament voltage: $V_{fil} = 28$ VDC Grid voltage, $V_g = +180$ VDC
Degas Power Requirements (40 W)	Grid Voltage: +600 VDC max Emission Current (total): 67 mA DC Filament Voltage: 7 V
Measurement Specifications	Sensitivity: ❑ 25/Torr (UHV-24), nominal ❑ 20/Torr (UHV-24p), nominal Emission Current: ❑ 4 mA for widest measurement range 5x10-^{10} Torr to 1x10^{-4} Torr ❑ 10 mA for pressures lower than 5x10-10 Torr ≤ 0.1 mA for pressure over 1x10^{-4} Torr
Materials	Filament: Tungsten or thoria-coated Iridium Filament Supports: SST Collector - tungsten: ❑ 0.007" diameter for UHV-24 ❑ 0.002" for UHV-24p Grid: SST Feedthrough: SST, Alumina, Nickel Alloy

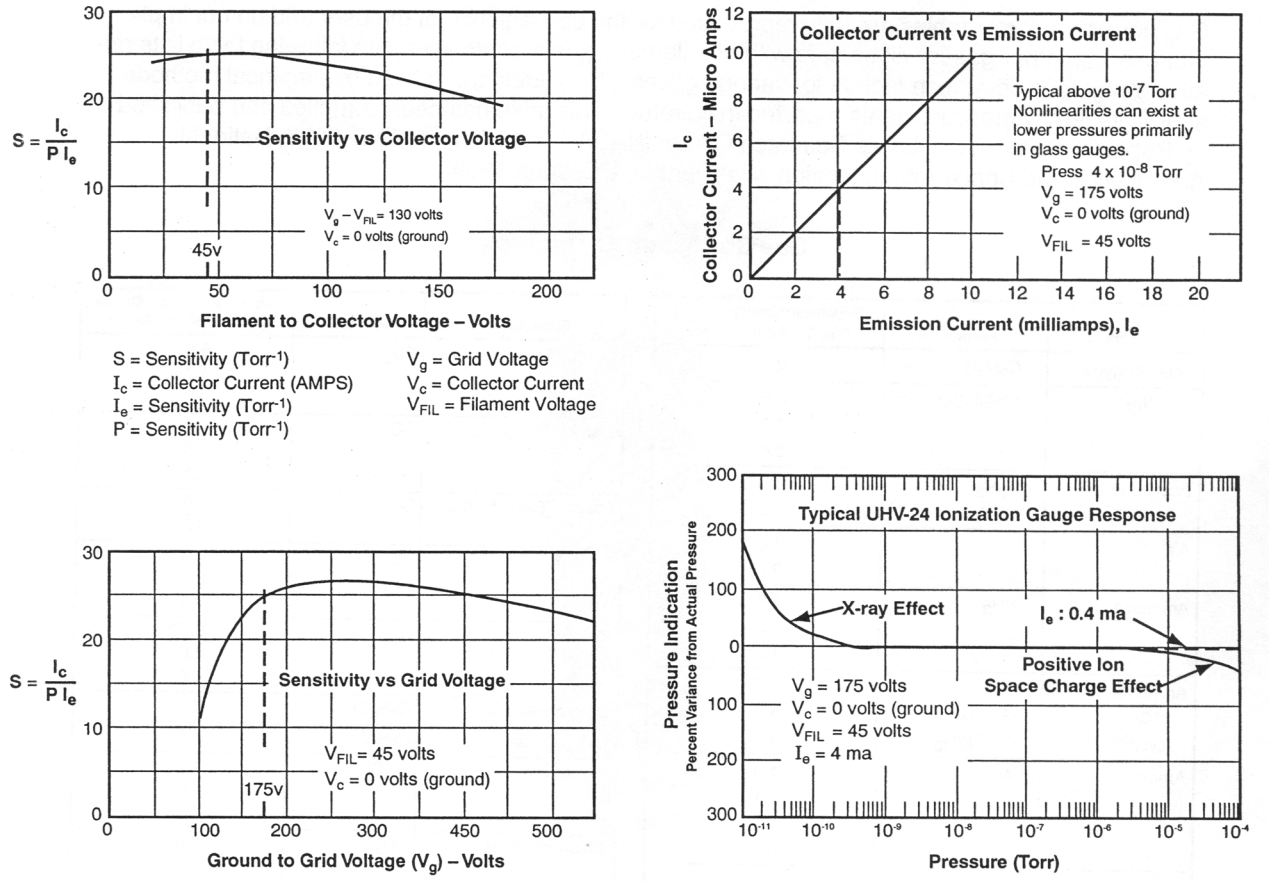

Figure 2 Typical Gauge Characteristics Graphs

Application Notes

Measurement of ultra-high vacuum is not a trivial undertaking. There are many factors that contribute to measurement problems. Some other concerns include that:

- The gauge sensitivity factor is based on nitrogen and very little, if any, nitrogen is present in UHV systems that are leak tight
- There are no convenient primary pressure standards that exist for UHV calibration.
- A grounded conductive wall near the tube raises the sensitivity by as much as 30%. This is typical of gauges mounted in tubulations attached to the system.

However, these three concerns are usually theoretical in nature and most problems fall under the following areas:

- All ion gauges are pumps, (likewise, all ion pumps are gauges). The difference is that gauges are designed primarily to measure pressure and have relatively small pumping speeds. However, given the right conditions it is possible for the gauge to pump the gas that being measured, especially if the chamber pump is small.

Pumping speed for a nude ion gauge is typically around 0.5 litres/sec. The pumping speed is affected by the emission current. The higher the emission current the higher the pumping speed.

- Ion gauge out-gassing occurs by virtue of operating the filament. Even after the gauge is *degassed* the filaments continue to generate gas when on. The major component is carbon-monoxide, though other gasses may also be liberated. This gas concentration tends to be higher in the vicinity of the gauge and can lead to higher than expected pressure readings. The hotter the filament, the more it out-gasses. Therefore, to minimize out-gassing use thoriated-iridium filaments, which run significantly cooler than their tungsten counterparts, and run them at the lowest emission current that gives good readings. However, it is necessary to determine if the benefits of the thoriated filaments overcome the drawback of higher particle generation and shorter life when exposed to hydrogen and halogen gases. There is a tradeoff between the gauge pumping and the gauge out-gassing that may compensate one for the other.
- Leakage currents are extremely difficult to avoid when using cables of 100 ' or longer. Obviously, the longer the cable the worse the leakage. PTFE is the recommended insulator, but at $5x10^{-11}$ Torr with a UHV-24p operating with 10 mA of emission current, the ion current is only 10 pA. And that assumes that the gauge sensitivity factor of 20/Torr is somewhat accurate; most likely, it is lower than that. Only rarely is the sensitivity factor higher than expected, such as when mounted in a tubulation. But then the out-gassing and self-pumping issues get worse.
- When cables move, the capacitance between the shield and the conductor changes. This forces a current to flow either into or out of the electrometer circuit, depending upon the change in capacitance. With a long cable the capacitance is fairly large, and because the impedance is very high (the collector is a virtual current source) this current may take quite some time to settle out. Factors that can cause cable to move are:
  - Air movement from blowers
  - Handling
  - Temperature changes

  If the cable is in continuous vibration due to running near a pump or other actuator, there may be a continuous current flowing in the collector lead.
- Noise pick-up is also made worse by long cable lengths. A shielding system that works fine at 25' may be inadequate at 150'. The cable is an antenna, the longer it is the more signal it picks up. In addition, the ion gauge has wires sticking out into the vacuum chamber, which also act as antennas. However, even if the cable shielding is adequate, noise inside the vacuum chamber is transmitted to the electrometer due to the high source impedance. This causes errors in the measurement as most electrometer amplifiers used in commercial controllers use logging transistors that tend to rectify high frequency noise into DC offsets. Judicious use of ferrite beads on the cable may help.

- ❑ Ground loops can be formed because the chambers are grounded and the controllers are grounded. For safety reasons, never float any controllers that can be touched during operation. Because of the low magnitude of ion currents being measured, it is possible for a ground loop current to overcome the ion gauge signal, sometimes resulting in a current flowing into the gauge collector. This often happens when the ion pumps are running on one phase of the AC power system and the instrumentation is operating off another phase. Experimentation is usually the only answer to find and fix this kind of problem.

Degas

All UHV-24 and UHV24p gauges are operated and degassed at the factory before shipment. Whether to degas the gauge after installation depends upon the application. In large systems that take a long time to pump down, such as several days, or will be baked for an extended period of time, degassing the gauge has a negligible affect. Considering that the e-beam degas system used runs at a high emission current, it may not be worth the theoretical reduction in filament life that results from the small reduction in gas load. In small systems, where the gauge is a larger percentage of the system surface area and gas load, there may be benefits to using degas after installation.Gauge degassing is not generally needed unless the goal is to reach pressures below $1x10^{-8}$ Torr. Degas is not intended to *clean* tube contamination.

If using degas, a 15 minute e-beam degas duration, using Agilent Multi-Gauge and senTorr controllers, is all that is needed. Extending the degas interval only serves to heat up the surrounding chamber walls and increases the out-gassing rate from those surfaces. Bakeout is a better way to degas the chamber walls.

Bakeout

A temperature of +450 °C is a safe maximum for repeated or extended bakeout of the nude gauge.

Do not:

- ❑ Exceed +450 °C
- ❑ Expose the gauge to thermal shock

Maintenance: Filament Replacement

Agilent's nude gauges are equipped with dual filaments. The filament assembly is easily replaced if it is damaged or broken. The replacement filament kit contains two filament assemblies and an Allen wrench.

Tungsten Filament Replacement

This procedure replace the tungsten filament (Part No. 9710018).

To remove and change the damaged filament:

1. Carefully loosen all six set screws and pull the old filament support brackets out.

CAUTION

Handle the gauge only by its ceramic base to prevent damage to the delicate wires. Wear nylon gloves to prevent placing fingerprints on the gauge. The oil from fingerprints extends pumpdown time.

2. Insert the long filament support bracket into its collar so that the filament is located 0.050 to 0.070" from the grid structure.
3. Tighten the set screws.
4. Insert the short filament support brackets into their collars, pushing them in as far as they will go before tightening the set screws. This ensures proper tension on the filament.

Thoria-Coated Iridium Filament Replacement

This replacement filament kit (Part No. 9710028) contains two thoria-coated iridium filaments stapled to a cardboard backing and packed in a foam-lined plastic box. Each filament also has a stabilizing bar soldered to the base of the filament for rigidity.

To remove and change the damaged filament:

1. Carefully loosen all six set screws and pull the old filament support brackets out.

CAUTION

Handle the gauge only by its ceramic base to prevent damage to the delicate wires. Wear nylon gloves to prevent placing fingerprints on the gauge. The oil from fingerprints extends pumpdown time.

2. Carefully remove the stabilizing bar by very carefully cutting between the posts of the thoria-coated iridium filaments.
3. Cut the staples affixing the assembly to the cardboard backing.
4. Insert the long filament support bracket into its collar so that the filament is located 0.050 to 0.070" from the grid structure.
5. Tighten the set screws.
6. Insert the short filament support brackets into their collars, pushing them in as far as they will go before tightening the set screws. This ensures proper tension on the filament.
7. Carefully trim the remainder of the stabilizing bar from each filament post.

Appendix A. Gas Correction Factor Table

Table 2 on page 20 lists the relative gauge gas correction factors for various gases.

WARNING

Do not assume that the use of the gases listed in this table are safe with hot filament gauge controllers.

The values in *Table 2* are derived by empirical methods substantiated by measurements reported in literature. This table has been compiled and published by Robert L. Summers of Lewis Research Center, NASA Technical Note TND-5285, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC, June 1969.

To automatically convert the UHV-24/UHV-24p readings (normally calibrated for nitrogen):

- Enter the relative gas correction constant through the front panel key function **F GAS CORR**.

When the gas constant is entered, the gauge divides the result by the gas correction constant and displays the correct adjusted value.

A proper understanding for the transformation of the result is still, however, required. The correction for different gas species is purely mathematical. The tube sensitivity tube is affected by different gases which, in turn, is responsible for the tube output being manipulated by the pressure equation. In addition, There is loss in resolution of the instrument when gas correction constants are used. The loss in resolution becomes more apparent as the correction constants approach 0.5 from either direction. When the correction constants are 0.1 or 10, the tube output is 1/10 or 10 times normal. This causes the instrument to lose the high vacuum decade or the near atmosphere decade, respectively.

NOTE

Some gases have several correction factors listed. In such cases, the top number is the most commonly-used value.

Table 2 Gas Correction Factor Table

Substance	Formula	Relative Ionization Gauge Gas Correction Factor
Acetaldehyde	C_2H_4O	2.6
Acetone	$(CH_3)_2CO$	3.6 4.0 3.6
Acetylene	C_2H_2	1.9 2.0
Air		1.0 0.98
Ammonia	NH_3	1.3 1.2 1.3
Amylene: ISO· cyclo·	 ISO·C_5H_{10} CY·C_5H_{10}	 5.9 5.8
Argon	Ar	1.3 1.1 1.2 0.9
Benzene	C_6H_6	5.9 5.8 5.7 5.9 6.0
Benzoic Acid	C_6H_5COOH	5.5
Bromine	Br	3.8
Bromomethane	CH_3Br	3.7
Butane: n· ISO·	 n·C_4H_{10} ISO·C_4H_{10}	 4.9 4.7 4.6 4.9
Cadmium	Cd	2.3 3.4
Carbon Dioxide	CO_2	1.4 1.4 1.5 1.5 1.4
Carbon Disulfide	CS_2	5.0 4.7 4.8
Carbon Monoxide	CO	1.05 1.05 1.1
Carbon Tetrachloride	CCl_4	6.0 6.3
Cesium	Cs	4.3 2.0 4.8
Chlorine	Cl_2	0.68 2.6 1.6
Chlorobenzene	C_6H_5Cl	7.0
Chloroethane	C_2H_5Cl	4.0
Chloroform	$CHCl_3$	4.7 4.8 4.8
Chloromethane	CH_3Cl	2.6 3.2 3.1
Cyanogen	$(CN)_2$	2.8 3.6 2.7
Cyclohexylene	C_6H_{12}	7.9 6.4
Deuterium	D_2	0.35 0.38
Dichlorodifloromethane	CCl_2F_2	2.7 4.1
Dichloromethane	CH_2Cl_2	3.7
Dinitrobenzene o· m· p·	$C_6H_4(NO_2)_2$ 	 7.8 7.8 7.6
Ethane	C_2H_6	2.6 2.8 2.5
Ethanol	C_2H_5OH	3.6 2.9
Ethyl Acetate	$CH_3COOC_2H_5$	5.0

Table B-0 Gas Correction Factor Table (Continued)

Substance	Formula	Relative Ionization Gauge Gas Correction F5tor
Ethyl ether	$(C_2H_5)_2O$	5.1 5.1
Ethylene	C_2H_4	2.3 2.4 2.2 2.2 to 2.5
Ethylene oxide	$(CH_2)_2O$	2.5
Helium	He	0.18 0.15 0.13 0.12
Heptane	C_7H_{16}	8.6
Hexadiene: 1.5· cyclo·	 1.5·C_5H_{10} CY·C_6H_{10}	 6.4 6.0
Hexane	C_6H_{14}	6.6
Hexene: 1· cyclo	 1·C_6H_{12} CY·C_6H_{10}	 5.9 6.4
Hydrogen	H_2	0.46 0.38 0.41 0.45 0.44
Hydrogen Bromide	HBr	2.0
Hydrogen Chloride	HCl	1.5 1.6 2.0 1.5
Hydrogen Cyanide	HCN	1.5 1.6
Hydrogen Floride	HF	1.4
Hydrogen Iodide	HI	3.1
Hydrogen Sulfide	H_2S	2.2 2.2 2.3 2.1
Iodine	I_2	5.4
Iodomethane	CH_3I	4.2
Isoamyl Alcohol	$C_5H_{11}OH$	2.9
Isobutylene	C_4H_8	3.6
Krypton	Kr	1.9 1.7 1.7
Lithium	Li	1.9
Mercury	Hg	3.6
Methane	CH_4	1.4 1.5 1.6 1.4 to 1.8 1.5 1.5
Methanol	CH_3OH	1.8 1.9
Mehtyl Acetate	CH_3COOCH_3	4.0
Mythyl ether	$(CH_3)_2O$	3.0 3.0

Substance	Formula	Relative Ionization Gauge Gas Correction Factor
Naphthalene	$C_{10}H_8$	9.7
Neon	Ne	0.30 0.31
Nitrobenzene	$C_6H_5NO_2$	7.2
Nitrogen	N_2	1.0
Nitrotoluene (o·, m·, p·)	$C_6H_4CH_3NO_2$	8.5
Nitric Oxide	NO	1.3 1.2 1.0
Nitrous Oxide	N_2O	1.5 1.7 1.7 1.3 to 2.1
Oxygen	O_2	1.0 1.1 0.9 0.9
Pentane n· ISO· neo·	 n·C_5H_{17} ISO·C_5H_{17} $(CH_3)_4C$	 6.2 6.0 5.7 6.0 5.7
Phenol	C_6H_5OH	6.2
Phosphine	PH_3	2.6
Potassium	K	3.6
Propane	C_3H_8	4.2 3.7 3.7 to 3.9 3.6
Propene oxide	C_3H_6O	3.9
Propene: n· cyclo·	 n·C_3H_6 cy·C_3H_6	 3.3 3.2 to 3.7 3.6
Rubidum	Rb	4.3
Silver perchlorate	$AgClO_4$	3.6
Sodium	Na	3.0
Stannic iodide	SnI_4	6.7
Sulphur Dioxide	SO_2	2.1 2.3
Sulphur Hexafloride	SF_6	2.3 2.8
Toluene	$C_6H_5CH_3$	6.8
Trinitrobenzene	$C_6H_3(NO_2)_3$	9.0
Water	H_2O	1.1 1.0 0.8
Xenon	Xe	2.9 2.2 2.4
Xylene: o· p·	 o·$C_6H_4(CH_3)_2$ p·$C_6H_4(CH_3)_2$	 7.8 7.9

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Instructions for returning products

Dear Customer:

Please follow these instructions whenever one of our products needs to be returned.

1) Complete the attached Request for Return form and send it to Agilent Technologies (see below), taking particular care to identify all products that have pumped or been exposed to any toxic or hazardous materials.

2) After evaluating the information, Agilent Technologies will provide you with a Return Authorization (RA) number via email or fax, as requested.
Note: Depending on the type of return, a Purchase Order may be required at the time the Request for Return is submitted. We will quote any necessary services (evaluation, repair, special cleaning, eg).

3) Important steps for the shipment of returning product:
   - Remove all accessories from the core product (e.g. inlet screens, vent valves).
   - Prior to shipment, drain any oils or other liquids, purge or flush all gasses, and wipe off any excess residue.
   - If ordering an Advance Exchange product, please use the packaging from the Advance Exchange to return the defective product.
   - Seal the product in a plastic bag, and package product carefully to avoid damage in transit. You are responsible for loss or damage in transit.
   - Agilent Technologies is not responsible for returning customer provided packaging or containers.
   - Clearly label package with RA number. Using the shipping label provided will ensure the proper address and RA number are on the package. Packages shipped to Agilent without a RA clearly written on the outside cannot be accepted and will be returned.

4) Return only products for which the RA was issued.

5) Product being returned under a RA must be received within 15 business days.

6) Ship to the location specified on the printable label, which will be sent, along with the RA number, as soon as we have received all of the required information. Customer is responsible for freight charges on returning product.

7) Return shipments must comply with all applicable Shipping Regulations (IATA, DOT, etc.) and carrier requirements.

RETURN THE COMPLETED REQUEST FOR RETURN FORM TO YOUR NEAREST LOCATION:

EUROPE:	NORTH AMERICA:	PACIFIC RIM:
Fax: 00 39 011 9979 330		
Fax Free: 00 800 345 345 00	Fax: 1 781 860 9252	please visit our website for individual
Toll Free: 00 800 234 234 00	Toll Free: 800 882 7426, Option 3	office information
vpt-customercare@agilent.com	vpl-ra@agilent.com	http://www.agilent.com

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Vacuum Products Division
Request for Return Form
(Health and Safety Certification)

Please read important policy information on Page 3 that applies to all returns.

1) CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Company Name:	**Contact Name:**
Tel: **Email:**	**Fax:**
Customer Ship To:	**Customer Bill To:**
Europe only: **VAT reg. Number:**	USA/Canada only: ☐ **Taxable** ☐ **Non-taxable**

2) PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Product Description	Agilent P/N	Agilent S/N	Original Purchasing Reference

3) TYPE OF RETURN (**Choose one from each row** and supply Purchase Order if requesting a billable service)

3A. ☐ Non-Billable ☐ Billable ➡ New PO # (hard copy must be submitted with this form):

3B. ☐ Exchange ☐ Repair ☐ Upgrade ☐ Consignment/Demo ☐ Calibration ☐ Evaluation ☐ Return for Credit

4) HEALTH and SAFETY CERTIFICATION

AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES CANNOT ACCEPT ANY PRODUCTS CONTAMINATED WITH BIOLOGICAL OR EXPLOSIVE HAZARDS, RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL, OR MERCURY AT ITS FACILITY.
Call Agilent Technologies to discuss alternatives if this requirement presents a problem.

The equipment listed above (check one):

☐ **HAS NOT** pumped or been exposed to any toxic or hazardous materials. OR
☐ **HAS** pumped or been exposed to the following toxic or hazardous materials. If this box is checked, the following information must also be filled out. Check boxes for all materials to which product(s) pumped or was exposed:

☐ Toxic ☐ Corrosive ☐ Reactive ☐ Flammable ☐ Explosive ☐ Biological ☐ Radioactive

List all toxic/hazardous materials. Include product name, chemical name, and chemical symbol or formula:

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NOTE: If a product is received at Agilent which is contaminated with a toxic or hazardous material that was not disclosed, **the customer will be held responsible** for all costs incurred to ensure the safe handling of the product, and **is liable** for any harm or injury to Agilent employees as well as to any third party occurring as a result of exposure to toxic or hazardous materials present in the product.

Print Name: **Authorized Signature: .....** **Date:**

5) FAILURE INFORMATION:

Failure Mode (REQUIRED FIELD. See next page for suggestions of failure terms):
Detailed Description of Malfunction: (Please provide the error message)
Application (system and model):

I understand and agree to the terms of Section 6, Page 3/3.
Print Name: **Authorized Signature: .....** **Date:**

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Please use these Failure Mode to describe the concern about the product on Page 2.

TURBO PUMPS and TURBO CONTROLLERS

APPARENT DEFECT/MALFUNCTION		POSITION	PARAMETERS	
- Does not start	- Noise	- Vertical	Power:	Rotational Speed:
- Does not spin freely	- Vibrations	-Horizontal	Current:	Inlet Pressure:
- Does not reach full speed	-Leak	-Upside-down	Temp 1:	Foreline Pressure:
- Mechanical Contact	-Overtemperature	-Other:	Temp 2:	Purge flow:
- Cooling defective	-Clogging	.....	OPERATING TIME:	

ION PUMPS/CONTROLLERS

- Bad feedthrough	- Poor vacuum
- Vacuum leak	- High voltage problem
- Error code on display	- Other

VALVES/COMPONENTS

- Main seal leak	- Bellows leak
- Solenoid failure	- Damaged flange
- Damaged sealing area	-Other

LEAK DETECTORS

- Cannot calibrate	-No zero/high backround
- Vacuum system unstable	- Cannot reach test mode
- Failed to start	- Other

INSTRUMENTS

- Gauge tube not working	- Display problem
- Communication failure	- Degas not working
- Error code on display	- Other

SCROLL AND ROTARY VANE PUMPS

- Pump doesn't start	- Noisy pump (describe)
- Doesn't reach vacuum	- Over temperature
- Pump seized	- Other

DIFFUSION PUMPS

- Heater failure	- Electrical problem
- Doesn't reach vacuum	- Cooling coil damage
- Vacuum leak	- Other

Section 6) *ADDITIONAL TERMS*

Please read the terms and conditions below as they apply to all returns and are in addition to the Agilent Technologies Vacuum Product Division – Products and Services Terms of Sale.

- Customer is responsible for the freight charges for the returning product. Return shipments must comply with all applicable **Shipping Regulations** (IATA, DOT, etc.) and carrier requirements.
- Customers receiving an Advance Exchange product agree to return the defective, rebuildable part to Agilent Technologies **within 15 business days**. Failure to do so, or returning a non-rebuildable part (crashed), will result in an invoice for the non-returned/non-rebuildable part.
- Returns for credit toward the purchase of new or refurbished Products are subject to prior Agilent approval and may incur a restocking fee. Please reference the original purchase order number.
- Units returned for evaluation will be evaluated, and a quote for repair will be issued. If you choose to have the unit repaired, the cost of the evaluation will be deducted from the final repair pricing. A Purchase Order for the final repair price should be issued within 3 weeks of quotation date. Units without a Purchase Order for repair will be returned to the customer, and the evaluation fee will be invoiced.
- A Special Cleaning fee will apply to all exposed products per Section 4 of this document.
- If requesting a calibration service, units must be functionally capable of being calibrated.

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