



Operating Manual

ALTAIR® Pump Probe

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1 Safety Regulations

1.1 Correct Use

This device is intended for use by trained and qualified personnel.



WARNING

Read and follow all instructions carefully.

Check pump for proper operation before each day's use.

Do not place end of sample line in liquids.

Do not charge in a combustible atmosphere.

Do not alter or modify device.

Use only MSA-approved sampling lines.

Do not use silicone tubing for sampling lines.

Wait sufficient time for the reading; response times vary, based on gas and length of sampling line.

Do not use if function test is unsuccessful, the device is damaged, improperly serviced/maintained, or genuine MSA spare parts have not been used.

INCORRECT USE CAN CAUSE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.

It is imperative that all users of this product read and follow this operating manual. In particular, the safety instructions, as well as the information for the use and operation of the product, must be carefully read and observed. Furthermore, the national regulations applicable in the user's country must be taken into account to promote safe use.

Alternative use, or use outside these regulations is considered as non-compliant. This also applies especially to unauthorised alterations to the product and to commissioning work that has not been carried out by MSA or authorised persons.



This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules.

These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment.

This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.



WARNING

This is a class A product in accordance with CISPR 22. In a domestic environment, this product may cause radio interference, in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.

This Class A digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

1.2 Liability Information

MSA accepts no liability in cases where the product has been used inappropriately or not as intended. The selection and use of the product are the exclusive responsibility of the individual operator.

Product liability claims, warranties also as guarantees made by MSA with respect to the product are voided, if it is not used, serviced or maintained in accordance with the instructions in this manual.

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1.3 Safety and Precautionary Measures to be Adopted

Carefully review the following safety limitations and precautions before placing this device in service:

- (1) Perform the following check before each day's use to verify proper device operation:
 - ▷ Check pump for proper operations (see chapter 3.1). Have pump serviced if necessary.
- (2) Keep the probe tip above liquid surfaces; otherwise, liquid may enter the system and block sample flow, causing internal damage.
- (3) Charge device in non-hazardous areas only.
- (4) Do not alter this device or make any repairs beyond those specified in this manual. Only MSA-authorized personnel may repair this unit; otherwise damage may result.

Filter Maintenance

Visually examine the external dust and water filter before each use. Replace filter with a new one if it is dirty.

Be Aware of Environmental Conditions

A number of environmental factors such as temperature and humidity may affect the flow rate, run time and charge time.

Be Aware of the Procedures for Handling Electrostatically Sensitive Electronics

The device contains electrostatically sensitive components. Do not open or repair the device without using appropriate electrostatic discharge [ESD] protection. The warranty does not cover damage caused by electrostatic discharges.

Be Aware of the Product Regulations

Follow all relevant national regulations applicable in the country of use.

Be Aware of the Warranty Regulations

The warranties made by Mine Safety Appliances Company with respect to the product are voided if the product is not used and maintained in accordance with the instructions in this manual. Please protect yourself and others by following them. We encourage our customers to write or call regarding this equipment prior to use or for any additional information relative to use or service.

1.4 Warranty

| ITEM WARRANTY | PERIOD |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Chassis and Electronics | Three years |
| Pump and Drive Unit | Three years |

This warranty does not cover filters, fuses, etc. As the battery ages, there will be a reduction in useable device run time. Certain other accessories not specifically listed here may have different warranty periods. This warranty is valid only if the product is maintained and used in accordance with Seller's instructions and/or recommendations.

The Seller shall be released from all obligations under this warranty in the event repairs or modifications are made by persons other than its own authorized service personnel or if the warranty claim results from physical abuse or misuse of the product. No agent, employee or representative of the seller has any authority to bind the Seller to any affirmation, representation or warranty concerning this product. Seller makes no warranty covering components or accessories not manufactured by the Seller, but will pass on to the Purchaser all warranties of manufacturers of such components.

THIS WARRANTY IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, AND IS STRICTLY LIMITED TO THE TERMS HEREOF. SELLER SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

Exclusive Remedy

It is expressly agreed that Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy for breach of the above warranty, for any tortious conduct of Seller, or for any other cause of action, shall be the replacement at Seller's option, of any equipment or parts thereof, which after examination by Seller is proven to be defective.

Replacement equipment and/or parts will be provided at no cost to Purchaser, F.O.B. Seller's Plant. Failure of Seller to successfully replace any nonconforming equipment or parts shall not cause the remedy established hereby to fail of its essential purpose.

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Exclusion of Consequential Damage

Purchaser specifically understands and agrees that under no circumstances will seller be liable to purchaser for economic, special, incidental or consequential damages or losses of any kind whatsoever, including but not limited to, loss of anticipated profits and any other loss caused by reason of nonoperation of the goods. This exclusion is applicable to claims for breach of warranty, tortious conduct or any other cause of action against seller.

2 Description

2.1 Overview

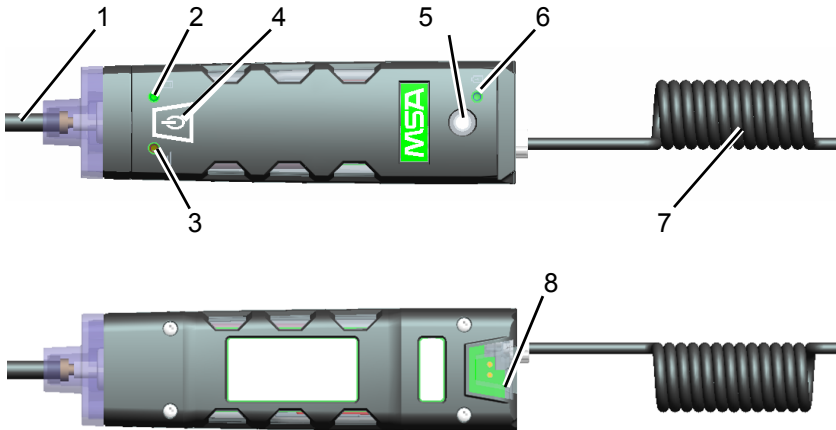


Fig. 1 Device Overview

| | | | |
|---|---------------------|---|---------------|
| 1 | Wand/Sample inlet | 5 | Horn |
| 2 | Battery LED | 6 | Charge LED |
| 3 | Flow LED | 7 | Coupling Hose |
| 4 | POWER ON/OFF button | 8 | Charge port |

The ALTAIR Pump Probe is a hand held portable gas sampling pump integrated with rechargeable Li-ion battery and has audible and visual alarms, which indicate blocked flow, low battery power and charge status. Pump inlet connects with a 0,3 m [1 ft] wand or sample line while the pump outlet connects with other portable gas detection equipment through a 1 m [3 ft] coiled tube. The rubber over-mold of the main body is constructed of static dissipative plastic. The clear top portion of the case is designed to observe the filter status.

Device to be used with Altair 4X only.



CAUTION

Combustible gas performance approved per CSA C22.2 No 152 with Altair 4X.

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2.2 Device Hardware Interfaces

LED Definitions

| LED | Description |
|-------------|---|
| Flow LED | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- RED: flow fault- FLASHING GREEN: operating properly |
| Battery LED | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- FLASHING RED: low battery warning- RED: low battery shut down |
| Charge LED | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- RED: charging- GREEN: charge complete- ORANGE: charge fault |

3 Operation

3.1 Using the ALTAIR Pump Probe

- (1) Press the POWER ON/OFF button.
 - ▷ The audible alarm sounds.
 - ▷ The pump motor starts fast and then slows down as the pump speed is automatically adjusted.
 - ▷ Once the pump is ready for use, the green LED flashes every two seconds.
- (2) Check the pump by blocking the free end of the sample line or probe.
 - ▷ The pump motor shuts down.
 - ▷ The audible alarm sounds.
 - ▷ The Flow LED turns red, indicating a flow fault.
- (3) When the pump inlet, sample line, probe or pump outlet is blocked, the pump alarm must activate. If the alarm does not activate:
 - ▷ Check the pump, sample line, and probe for leaks and pump outlet for blockage.
 - ▷ Once the leak is fixed and/or the outlet blockage removed, recheck the pump alarm by blocking the flow.
- (4) Check the pump before each day's use.



WARNING

Do not use the pump, sample line, or probe unless the pump alarm activates when the flow is blocked. Lack of an alarm is an indication that the sample may not be drawn to the sensors, which could cause inaccurate readings. Failure to follow the above can result in serious personal injury or death.

Never allow the end of the sample line to touch or go under any liquid surface. If liquid is drawn into the device, readings will be inaccurate and the device could be damaged.

- (5) Press POWER ON/OFF button to reset alarm and restart pump.
- During operation, a pump alarm may occur when the:
- Flow system is blocked.
 - Pump is inoperative.
 - Sample line is attached or removed.
 - Filters become clogged with excessive dirt or debris.

3.2 To Clear an Alarm

- (1) Correct any flow blockage.
- (2) Press the POWER ON/OFF button to restart the pump.

3.3 Turning OFF

- Press and hold the POWER ON/OFF button for about three seconds.
 - ▷ Flow LED should turn red.
 - ▷ The pump shuts down.
 - ▷ The audible alarm sounds.

3.4 Low Battery Warning

A Low Battery Warning indicates that a nominal 30 minutes of operation remain before device batteries are completely depleted.



Attention!

During "Low Battery Warning" condition, prepare to exit the work area since the device could go into "Low Battery Shut Down" at any time, resulting in loss of pump operation. Depending on the age of the batteries, ambient temperature and other conditions, the device "Low Battery Warning" and "Low Battery Shut Down" times could be shorter than anticipated.

NOTE: Duration of remaining Pump Probe operation during Low Battery Warning depends on:

- Ambient temperatures
(The Low Battery Warning is likely to be shorter in colder temperatures.)

When the device switches into Low Battery Warning:

- Red Battery LED will flash every two seconds.
- The pump continues to operate until the device is turned OFF or Low Battery Shut Down occurs.

3.5 Low Battery Shut Down

When the batteries can no longer operate the device, the device goes into Low Battery Shut Down:

- Battery LED is solid red.
- Audible alarm sounds.
- Pump shuts down.



WARNING

When Low Battery Shut Down condition occurs, stop using the device; it can no longer alert you of potential hazards since it does not have enough power to operate properly:

1. Leave the area immediately.
2. Turn OFF the device if it is ON.
3. Report to the person responsible for maintenance.
4. Charge the device in safe area.

Failure to follow this procedure, could result in serious personal injury or death.

3.6 Battery Charging

The ALTAIR Pump Probe uses a non-user serviceable rechargeable Lithium Ion battery.



WARNING

Risk of explosion: Do not recharge device in hazardous area.



WARNING

Use of any charger, other than a MSA qualified charging device, may damage or improperly charge the batteries.



For users in Australia/New Zealand: The charge cradle is a Class A product. In a domestic environment, this product may cause radio interference, in which case, the user may be required to take adequate measures.

The charger is capable of charging a completely depleted pack in less than four hours in normal, room-temperature environments.



Allow extremely hot or cold devices outside the charging temperature range to stabilize for one hour at room temperature before attempting to charge.

- Minimum and maximum ambient temperature to charge the device is 10 °C [50° F] and 35 °C [95° F], respectively.
- For best results, charge the device at room temperature 23 °C [73,4° F].

To Charge the Device

- (1) Firmly insert the charger connector into the charge port on the back of the device.
- (2) The Charge LED is used to indicate the charge status.
 - ▷ Red = Charging
 - ▷ Green = Charged
 - ▷ Orange = Fault
- (3) If a problem is detected during charging [Charge LED turns Orange]: Disconnect the charger momentarily to reset the charge cycle.

- (4) The charger must be disconnected for the device to operate.
- (5) During periods of non-use, the charger may remain connected to the device.

To Charge Device using Charging Cradle Accessory

- (1) Rotate the coiled tubing connector counter-clockwise and pull.
- (2) Firmly insert the device into the ALTAIR Pump Probe 4/4X charging cradle.
- (3) The Charge LED is used to indicate the charge status.
 - ▷ Red = Charging
 - ▷ Green = Charged
 - ▷ Orange = Fault
- (4) If a problem is detected during charging [Charge LED turns Orange]: Remove the device from the charger cradle momentarily to reset the charge cycle.
- (5) The charger must be disconnected for the device to operate.
- (6) During periods of non-use, the charger may remain connected to the device.

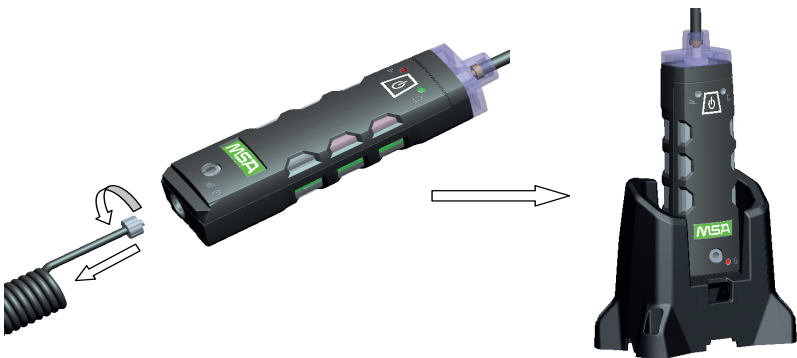


Fig. 2 Charging Device in Charing Cradle



4 Maintenance

4.1 Cleaning and Periodic Checks

As with all electronic equipment, the ALTAIR Pump Probe will operate only if it is properly maintained.



WARNING

Repair or alteration of the ALTAIR Pump Probe, beyond the procedures described in this manual or by anyone other than a person authorized by MSA, could cause the device to fail to perform properly. Use only genuine MSA replacement parts when performing any maintenance procedures described in this manual.

Substitution of components can seriously impair device performance, alter intrinsic safety characteristics or void agency approvals.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS WARNING CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.

4.2 Cleaning and Routine Care

Periodically clean the ALTAIR Pump Probe case with a soft damp cloth.

4.3 Checking The Pump Inlet Filter

The ALTAIR Pump Probe contains a filtering system to protect the pump from particulate and water in the sample air. If the filter becomes clogged, the sample flow may be blocked, or an extra load may be placed on the pump. Visually check the filter regularly. The frequency of checks should depend on amount of pump usage and concentration of particles that enter the pump.

4.4 Replacing the Filters

Attention!

When replacing external dust and water filters, prevent any dust or dirt around the filter housing from entering the pump housing. Dust or dirt in the pump unit may impede pump operation.

External Filter

The ALTAIR Pump Probe contains a filter to:

- block dust and dirt
- block the passage of water

If the probe tip is accidentally submerged in water, the filter prevents the water from reaching the internal pump. The filter is not designed to stop other liquids, such as gasoline or alcohols.

To Replace the Probe Filter



Fig. 3 Replacing Probe Filter

- (1) Rotate the cap counterclockwise and pull.
- (2) Remove the filter (P/N:10151021) and replace.
- (3) Check the pump operation after filter replacement (see chapter 3.1).

4.5 Use with Sample Line

- (1) Rotate the cap counterclockwise and pull the cap and wand.
- (2) Remove wand assembly.
- (3) Insert sample line assembly through cap and reattach cap.

4.6 Storage

When not in use, store your device in a safe, dry place between -5 °C and 40 °C [23° and 104° F°].

4.7 Shipment

Pack the ALTAIR Pump Probe in its original shipping container with suitable padding. If the original container is unavailable, an equivalent container may be substituted. Seal Pump Probe in a plastic bag to protect it from moisture. Use sufficient padding to protect it from the rigors of handling. Damage due to improper packaging or damage in shipment is not covered by the device's warranty.

4.8 Troubleshooting

The ALTAIR Pump Probe will operate reliably for years when cared for and maintained properly. If the device becomes inoperative, you may return inoperative devices to MSA for repair. Visit www.MSAafety.com for additional information.

5 Technical Specification/Certification

5.1 Technical Specifications

| | |
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| Weight | 260 g (9.2 Oz) |
| Dimensions | 185 mm x 48 mm x 33 mm (7.3 inch x 1.9 inch x 1.3 inch) |
| Alarm | Flow LED, Battery Low LED, Charge Indicator LED, Audible alarm |
| Audible Alarm | >90 dB typical |
| Flow Rate | 250 mL/min (Typical) |
| Sample Line | 3 m (10 ft), 8 m (25 ft), 15 m (50 ft) long sample line (optional) |
| Sample Delay Time | 1 sec per 0.3 m (1 ft) |
| Battery Type | Rechargeable Li-ion battery |
| Operation Time | 30+ hours @ 25 °C |
| Charge Time | < 4 hours |
| Temperature Range | -20 °C ~ 50 °C, Normal: Operation range 10 °C ~ 35 °C, Charging -5 °C ~ 40 °C, Storage |
| Humidity Range | 15% ~ 90% relative humidity, non-condensing |
| Atmospheric Pressure | 86 kPa ~ 106 kPa (mm) |
| Ingress Protection | IP65 |

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5.2 Certification

China

Ex ia IIC T4 Ga (Ta = -20 °C to +50 °C)

USA (Pending Approval)

Class I, [II,III] Div. 1, Groups A, B, C, D; Ta = -20 °C +50 °C

Canada (Pending Approval)

Class I, Div. 1, Groups A, B, C, D; Ta = -20 °C to +50 °C

Marking, Certificates and Approvals According to the Directive 94/9/EC [ATEX]

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EC-Type Examination Certificate: FTZU 13 ATEX 0109 X

Type of protection: EN 60079-0:2012, EN 60079-11:2012
Performance: none

Marking:  II 2G Ex ia IIC T4 Gb
-20°C ≤ Ta ≤ +50°C

Li-Ion: Um = 6,7 V

Special Conditions: The equipment shall be charged only in no-hazardous locations by manufacturer's chargers only. The charging voltage shall not exceed 6.7 V.

Quality Assurance Notification: 0158

Year of Manufacture: see Label
Serial Nr.: see Label

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Certificate:

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Performance none

Marking:



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6 Accessories and Replacement Parts

Accessories

| Part | Part Number |
|---|-------------|
| SPARE FILTERS,ALTAIR PUMP PROBE(5PCS/BAG) | 10151021 |
| TUBING,SAMPLE LINE,PU,CONDUCTIVE,3M | 10151096 |
| TUBING,SAMPLE LINE,PU,CONDUCTIVE,8M | 10151104 |
| TUBING,SAMPLE LINE,PU,CONDUCTIVE,15M | 10151097 |
| TUBING, SAMPLE LINE, PU, 10FT | 10153103 |
| TUBING, SAMPLE LINE, PU, 25FT | 10153104 |
| TUBING, SAMPLE LINE, PU, 50FT | 10153105 |
| NORTH AMERICAN POWER SUPPLY | 10087913 |
| NORTH AMERICAN CHARGING CRADLE | 10092233 |
| EUROPEAN CHARGING CRADLE | 10086638 |
| AUSTRALIAN CHARGING CRADLE | 10089487 |
| VEHICLE CHARGER | 10095774 |
| ALTAIR 4X CALIBRATION CAP | 10085781 |
| CD MANUAL, ALTAIR PUMP PROBE | 10151098 |

Replacement Parts

| Item | Description | Part Number |
|------|---|-------------|
| 1 | NORTH AMERICAN SAMPLE WAND | 10153076 |
| 1 | CONDUCTIVE SAMPLE WAND | 10153072 |
| 2 | CAP, ALTAIR PUMP PROBE | 10147727 |
| 3 | SAMPLE WAND/LINE GASKET | 10148472 |
| 4 | SPARE FILTERS,ALTAIR PUMP PROBE (5PCS/BAG) | 10151021 |
| 5 | UPPER HOUSING, ALTAIR PUMP PROBE | 10153075 |
| 6 | KIT, PHILLIPS SCREW (4X) | 10153074 |
| 7 | BUZZER GASKET, ALTAIR PUMP PROBE | 10147273 |
| 8 | COUPLING HOSE, ALTAIR PUMP PROBE | 10153073 |

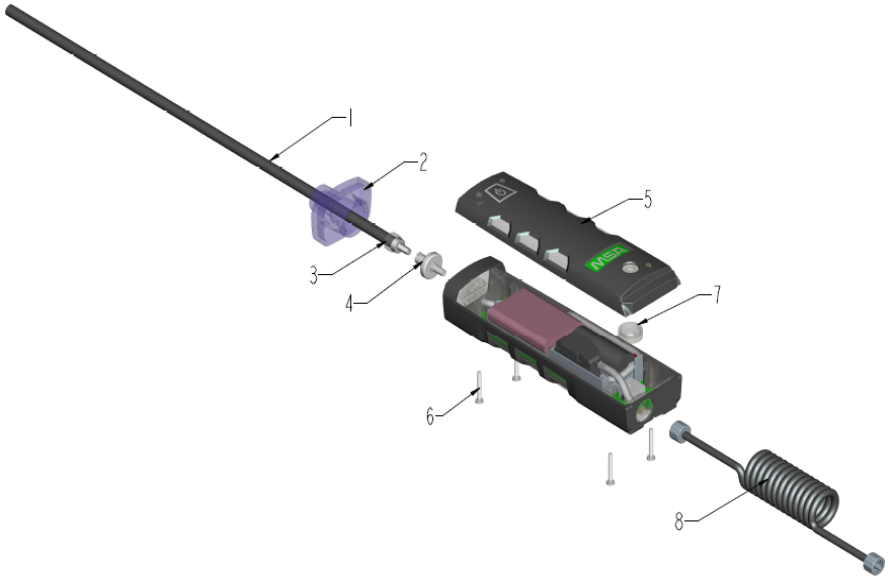


Fig. 4 Replacement Parts

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