

SPM and Gas Monitoring



Air Pollution Monitor
APM-2
for Real-time Monitoring
of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5},
Certified by German TÜV



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Particulate matter monitor certified by German TÜV for continuous real-time monitoring of PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ concentrations

- Real-time monitoring of particulate matter
- Measurement of PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀, alternating in short intervals
- Control Panel with large monitor displays all measurement parameters
- Software update function
- Tri-band GPRS modem
- Measurement of environmental values



The method applied by the APM-2 uses light scattered by tiny particles (nephelometry) to determine the PM₁₀ or PM_{2.5} concentration in the ambient air directly and continuously. After performing a qualification test, TÜV Rheinland certified the procedure as equivalent to the customary gravimetric method (TÜV Rheinland Energie und Umwelt GmbH, Cologne, Report No. 936/21219977/A, March 26th 2014). The system features an impactor inlet for fractionating the particulate matter, and a virtual impactor for dividing the air stream into two streams for the alternating, quasi-simultaneous determination of the SPM fractions PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀.

Design

The APM-2 consists of the following principal components:

- Stainless steel cabinet
- Control unit with monitor and SD card reader
- Vacuum pump
- Intake tube
- Impactor inlet
- Virtual impactor
- Photometer
- Temperature and humidity sensor
- GPRS modem

In order to protect the photometer signal against the effects of changing temperatures, the photometer is installed in a thermally insulated, temperature-controlled housing.

Operating Principle

Before measuring begins, the desired parameters (e.g. the particulate matter fraction that is to be measured) are entered in the control unit. During operation, the device draws in ambient air through a PM₁₀ impactor inlet at a volumetric flow rate of 3.3 l/min.

The design of the impactor inlet follows the same technical principles as standard inlets for gravimetric measurement

methods which are specified in EN 12341:2014; its separation characteristics have been verified by the Institute of Energy and Environmental Technology (IUTA) and surpasses the requirements of DIN 481.

In the downstream virtual impactor, the aspirated air is separated into an auxiliary (enrichment) stream and a primary (normal) stream. A switching device (peristaltic valve) then diverts one of these two streams to the scattered light photometer. In the photometer, the aerosol is illuminated by a laser. The light scattered by the particles is captured by a photodetector and converted into an amplified output signal. This output signal is a direct measure of the airborne particulate matter concentration.

The photometer measures the PM₁₀ concentration in the enrichment mode and the PM_{2.5} concentration in the normal mode. For zero point adjustment purposes, the photometer is periodically supplied with filtered air by way of the switching device.

The captured data is saved in the internal memory and on an SD card. It can also be periodically transferred to a network computer by way of the GPRS modem.

TÜV Qualification Test

Our APM-2, basing on the photometric measurement method using scattered light, has undergone qualifica-

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tion testing by TÜV Rheinland. The procedure has consequently been certified as fully equivalent to the customary gravimetric method for all sites, according to the requirements of the EU guideline for „Demonstration of Equivalence of Ambient Air Monitoring Methods“, in application of previously determined correction factors/terms.

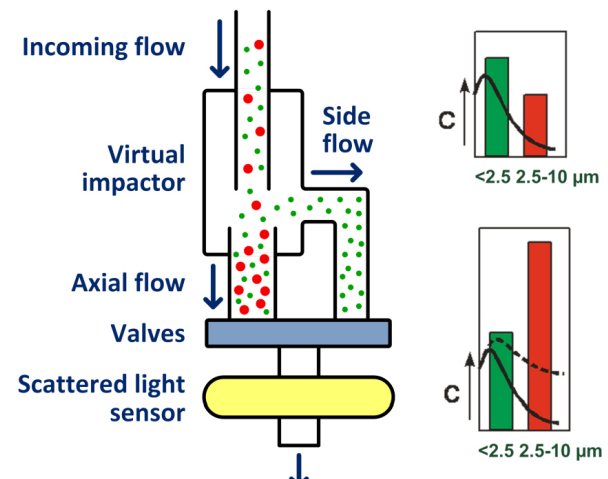
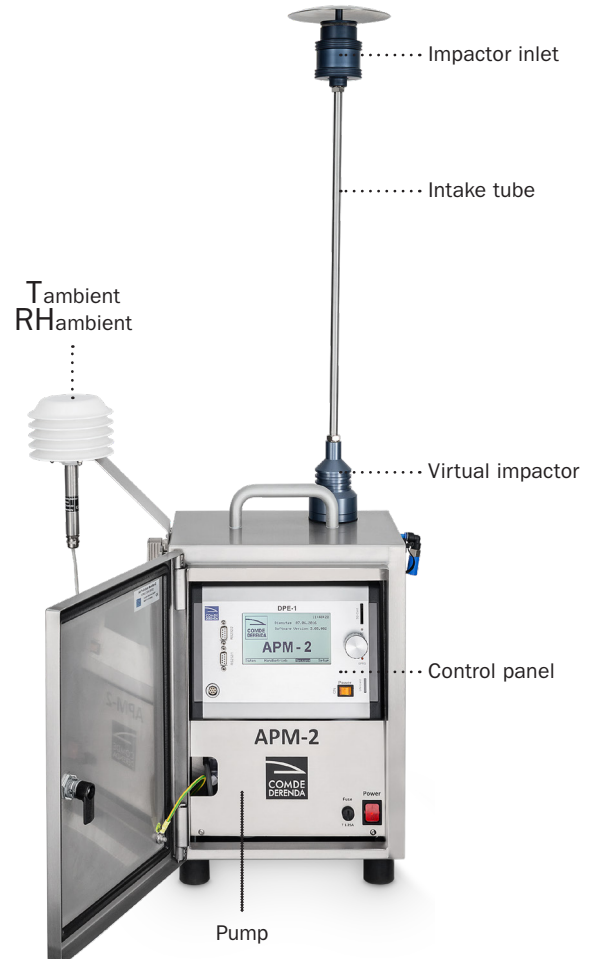
Details of the Measurement Method

A highly sensitive scattered light sensor lies at the heart of the applied method. The light emitted by an intensity-stabilized laser diode illuminates a measuring space defined by the optical path. The light scattered by all the aerosol particles inside this measuring space is captured by a semiconductor photodetector, positioned at an angle of 90°. After amplification, the outcome of this measurement is made available as a voltage signal (0 ... 5 V). The signal is directly proportional to the mass concentration of the aerosol in the measuring space (measuring range 0 ... 1000 µg/m³).

The physical principles governing light scattering determine that aerosol particles whose diameter approximately corresponds to the applied wavelength scatter the light most efficiently in relation to mass. They are the prevailing contributor to the photometer output signal. The wavelength of 650 nm applied by the system is most sensitive to particles in the size range from 0.5 to 1 µm. For this reason, the output signal of a dispersion photodetector deployed outdoors is dominated by the PM_{2.5} fraction. Simple dispersion photometry is thus subject to limitations for the measurement of the PM₁₀ concentration, because the complementary coarse fraction PM_{2.5} to PM₁₀ contributes substantially less to the output signal in relation to mass, and is therefore under-represented in the measurement.

The measuring instrument has to compensate for this sensitivity deficit relating to the coarse fraction PM_{2.5} to PM₁₀. The APM-2 compensates by way of the virtual impactor, situated upstream of the photometer, which selectively enriches the concentration of the coarse fraction. This enrichment effectively increases the sensitivity of the photometric equipment for the particle size range PM_{2.5} to PM₁₀.

Design / Operating Principle of the Virtual Impactor



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Scope of Delivery:

Basic device APM-2,
intake tube Ø 12 mm,
sampling inlet PM₁₀ for 3.3 l/min,
2 × SD card for data storage,
1 × transfer cable,
1 × USB SD card drive,
GPRS modem,
calibration protocol,
key and instruction manual

Ordering information:

D120006 Air Pollution Monitor APM-2

Consumables:

D100101 Zero air filter
D100058 Pump output filter
D101247 Bypass filter

Technical Data APM-2

Volumetric flow rate	3.3 l/min
Measurement duration	Continuous*
Power supply	230 V, 50/60 Hz
Power consumption	approx. 80 VA
Measuring range	0 ... 1000 µg/m ³
Resolution	1 µg/m ³

Dimensions (without Impactor Inlet and Antenna)	
Width	320 mm
Height	560 mm
Depth	270 mm

Weight	approx. 15 kg
IP classification	IP 65
Sound pressure level acc. EN 3744:2010 in 8 m distance	< 19 dB(A)
Operating temperature range	-20 ... +50 °C
Operating humidity range	5 ... 95 % RH

*Alternating measurement of the two fractions PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ in intervals of at least 2 minutes. Longer intervals can be parameterized. A limitation on one fraction possible. A zero point calibration (duration 2 minutes) automatically takes place after 60 minutes of measurement.

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