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Please have the serial-number of the instrument at hand

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1 General Information

1.1 Information about the Manual



INFORMATION!

This **Quickstart User Manual** is an extract of the most important information for installation and initial setup from the User Manual. It is an **addition to the User Manual** and does not replace the User Manual.

This manual describes a safe and adequate handling of the device. Following the instructions of the indicated safety aspects and instructions as well as the national and/or local rules and general safety regulations concerning the prevention of accidents are absolutely imperative.

Before starting the work with the device read the manual completely and thoroughly particularly the chapter security and respective safety references. Assure that you/the operator comprehend the terms described.

The manual is part of the device. It must be stored together with and next to the device at any time.



INFORMATION!

The graphics in this user manual are schematic and may differ from the actual conditions. The firmware and PC software screenshots in this user manual may differ from the actual conditions.

1.2 Explanation of Symbols

Important and safety-relevant references in this manual are characterized by symbols. These indications which are in-line with industrial safety must be respected and followed at any time.



INFORMATION

This symbol calls information, which are to be considered for efficient and perfect handling of the equipment.



WARNING

This symbol indicates references, which can lead to damages, malfunctioning and/or loss of the device.



DANGER

This symbol marks references, which can lead to health impairments, injuries, lasting body damages or to death due to electric current.



DANGER

This Symbol marks paragraphs, which describe potential dangers and damage due to exposure to radioactive radiation.

1.3 Notation for dialogs, elements and references

Example Dialog:

System > Connections > LAN File Transfer > Settings... > Test Connection

Example Elements:

Gas Out, Sample gas in

Example: References

Advanced User Manual, Chapter 5.1 Installation Reguirements

Example: Information

keep the transport box

1.4 Scope of Supply

Assure that you have received the full scope of supply. If there is any part missing, please contact the GAS-hotline immediately.

Standard Scope of Supply



GC-IMS-Odor Device (1 piece)



Power supply (1 piece)



GC-IMS Gas tube Kit

- Driftgas/Carriergas (1 piece)
- 2 m 3mm PFA Tubes with 3 mm Swagelok-Connector (6 Pieces)
- Bypass Adapter (1 piece)



Molecular sieve 200 ml with 1/8" connections (1 piece)



LAN Cable (1 piece)



GC-IMS Blind plug Set (5 pieces)

(Swagelok 3mm Blind plug with red cap installed on device connectors)



Torx Tool Kit

- Torx Srewdriver 8 mm (1 piece)
- Torx Srewdriver 10 mm (1 piece)



I/O Connector (1 piece)



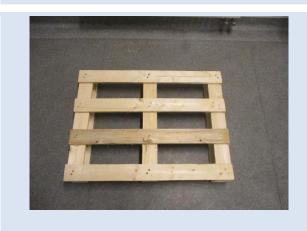
Document Map with Documents and Device User Manuals



USB-Stick Box with Software und Documents (1 piece)



Transport box (1 piece)



GC-IMS Transport palett (60 x 80 cm)

Optional Scope of Supply (only available if ordered)



Nitrogen Generator with accessories (example picture)

1.5 Liability and Guarantee

This user manual describes the safe and proper handling of the device.

All data and reference within this manual are compiled under the valid regulations, the state-of-the-art as well as G.A.S. experiences of several years.

This user manual must be stored together with and close to the device at any time and accessible to all persons, who operate or handle the device at any time.

This user manual must be read carefully before starting to work with the device. G.A.S. does not assume any liability for damage and disturbances, resulting from disregard of the instructions contained in this user manual. All claims of any kind related to damage from a not intended use of the device will be rejected.

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1.6 Copyright

The manual is confidential. It is beyond doubt exclusively made and also meant for the personnel directly dealing with the equipment. All data, texts, designs, pictures and other representations within this manual are protected in the sense of the copyright law and are subject to further commercial patent rights. Each abusive is punishable by law.

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1.7 Return and Disposal

For an adequate disposal, the device or/and its equipment must be returned to the G.A.S. or to a third party authorized by the G.A.S.! For questions please contact G.A.S.

1.8 Software Updates

If there are any software updates customers will be contacted by G.A.S. Gesellschaft für analytische Sensorsysteme mbH as soon as the updates are available. The updates are free of charge within the first 12 month after delivery. Users will be provided with information about the changes and instructions for executing the updates.

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2 Safety

2.1 Intended Use Only



WARNING!

Usage other than described in this manual may damage the device and/or harm persons involved.

Do not use the device for other purposes. Damages due to misuse are not covered by the guarantee. Such damage claims will be rejected.

The device and its equipment are not certified for the employment in areas with explosive gas air mixtures.

All claims or requirements of any kind against the manufacturer and/or its authorized persons that arise due to damages from a not intended use of the device will be rejected. All damages that arise from a not intended use are of the operator's responsibility.

The intended use of the equipment and its correct handling according are described in the operating instructions of this manual. Other parts than the parts belonging to the scope of supply, may only be used after G.A.S. approval.

2.2 Responsibility of Operator

The device may only be operated in a perfect technical condition. Before putting the device into operation the condition of the device and its equipment must be checked. The information and instructions provided in this manual have to be followed at any time.

Besides the instructions provided in this manual the local rules for the prevention of accidents, general safety regulations - valid for the area of application of the device - as well as the valid environmental-protection regulations must be considered and respected.

The responsible technicians and operators have to make sure a failure-free use of the device. Responsibilities among the involved persons regarding installation, operation, maintenance and cleaning must be made clear.

2.2.1 Requirements of Personnel

Only authorized and trained technical personnel may work with the instruments. The operator must have received an instruction over existing and all possible dangers and should be regularly instructed in safety procedures and environmental protection and that the personnel is fully aware of the complete operating instructions and particularly the safety notes. Personnel that might be under the influence of drugs or alcohol are to be kept off the device at any time.

Technical personnel in this context are defined as skilled employees who are knowledgeable due to their educational background. In case the foreseen personnel do not have the necessary qualifications to operate the instrument, it must be trained. Further to that non-authorized personnel should not operate the device.

The competencies for the work on and with the device must be specified and kept undoubtedly at any time so that with respect to security issues no unclear situation might come up.

Any changes of the equipment, which impair security of the personnel, must immediately be reported to the operator and every person dealing with it.

2.2.2 Dangers

The device and its equipment is subject to an endangerment analysis. The construction and execution of the device corresponds to the today's state-of-the-art. The device is reliable in service when operated according to its intended use.



INFORMATION!

If the housing of the device is damaged, the device must not be used anymore and must be returned to the G.A.S. by using the original transportation case.



DANGER

The GC-IMS device contains a radioactive radiation Tritium source of 75 MBq which in all EURATOM countries is below the exemption limit. However, do not open the device! Do not try to recover malfunctions of the device! Malfunction recovery, repairs and any maintenance work may only be performed by G.A.S. or by qualified personnel authorized by G.A.S.



DANGER

The GC-IMS and its equipment is not certified for the employment in areas with explosive gas air mixtures (Zone 0).



DANGER

Exercise great care in handling current-carrying parts like the power supply cord. Do not get directly in touch with current-carrying parts. Do not open the housing. Do not use damaged parts.



DANGER

When Nitrogen is used as drift gas and helium as carrier gas, ignition of a helium plasma may occur due to the high voltage present in conjunction with a radiation source. This can damage the IMS.

Transport, Packing and Storage

3.1 Inspection after Transport

Check the supply immediately after delivery concerning its completeness and/or transport damages. If you detect externally visible transport damage, do not receive the supply, or only under reservation. State the extent of the damage on the provided delivery note and/or the transportation documents of the feeder. Generate a complaint. Lodge a complaint of covered defect immediately after recognizing, as claims due to transport damages can only be made valid within the complaint periods (usually 7 days).

3.2 Packing

If no return agreement regarding the packing was agreed upon dispose the packaging material always in an environmentally friendly way and according to valid local regulations. If necessary, ask a recycling company.



INFORMATION!

It is recommended to **keep the transport box** for a safety return transport.

3.3 Storage and Transport

Store the device only under the following conditions:

- When not in use store the equipment in the supplied casing
- Prevent unauthorized access
- Do not store outside
- Protect the equipment from moisture and dust
- Put protective caps on all gas sockets
- Avoid mechanical vibrations
- Do not expose the equipment to aggressive substances
- Protect the equipment from direct sun light
- Storage temperature: 5 to 40 °C
- Relative Air Humidity: 0- 90%Rh, non condensing
- Instrument's position: Horizontal

The equipment should be moved only within the provided carrying case. By this means, transport damages can be avoided. The above mentioned values are considered for an instrument transported in its original new packing.



WARNING!

Protective caps should be put on gas sockets in case the device is stored or transported.

4 Cleaning and Maintenance

Natural aging and the wear of certain components of the equipment require a regular cleaning and maintenance.

4.1 Cleaning

Clean the device only with a dry or easily damp cloth.



WARNING!

Do not use cleaning agents, which contain solvents, acids or bases.

4.1.1 Maintenance



INFORMATION!

Maintenance of the device should only be carried out at G.A.S. or through specially trained and by G.A.S. authorized personnel.

The recommended maintenance interval is 12 months.

5 Installation GC-IMS Device

5.1 Installation Requirements

The following requirements must be fulfilled by the customer:

Location of Installation

- Available space of $600 \times 700 \times 300 \text{ mm}$ (W x D x H)
- Ambient temperature of 5 40 °C
- Humidity: 0-90 % RH, non-condensating

Electricity

- Electricity supply free of interferences
- Power Supply of 230 V ± 10%, 50- 60 Hz ± 1%

Gas supply

- Nitrogen (Quality 5.0 (99,999%) or Synthetic Air (Quality 5.0 (99,999%)
- Stainless steel pressure reducer adjustable adjustable pressure range of 3
 6 bar and 3 mm Swagelok connector

Safety

 Availability of exhaust system for device exhaust gas tubes (Gas out and Sample Gas out)

Computer

- Computer with current Microsoft Windows operating system
- Administrator right to install G.A.S. software



INFORMATION!

To ensure correct measurements it is absolutely necessary to **connect the supplied exhaust tubes** (Gas out and Sample gas out).

The exhaust tubes (Gas out and Sample gas out) must be led separately into the exhaust system and must not be connected.

The exhaust system must **not generate any negative pressure**.

5.2 Set-up of the GC-IMS-Odor Instrument

Remove the red 1 protective from • connection • sockets ጃ (€ Connect 2 power-supply Check before that • • the Power-Switch Sample In Sample Out Gas Out • • is turned off. **ℤ (€** 3 Connect Nitrogen (Gas-Quality 5.0 or higher) to the Molecular **Pressure** Molecular supplied Reducer

Sieve

Adjust the Pressure reducer to supply Operating GAS with a pressure between 3 and 5 bar

caps

gas-

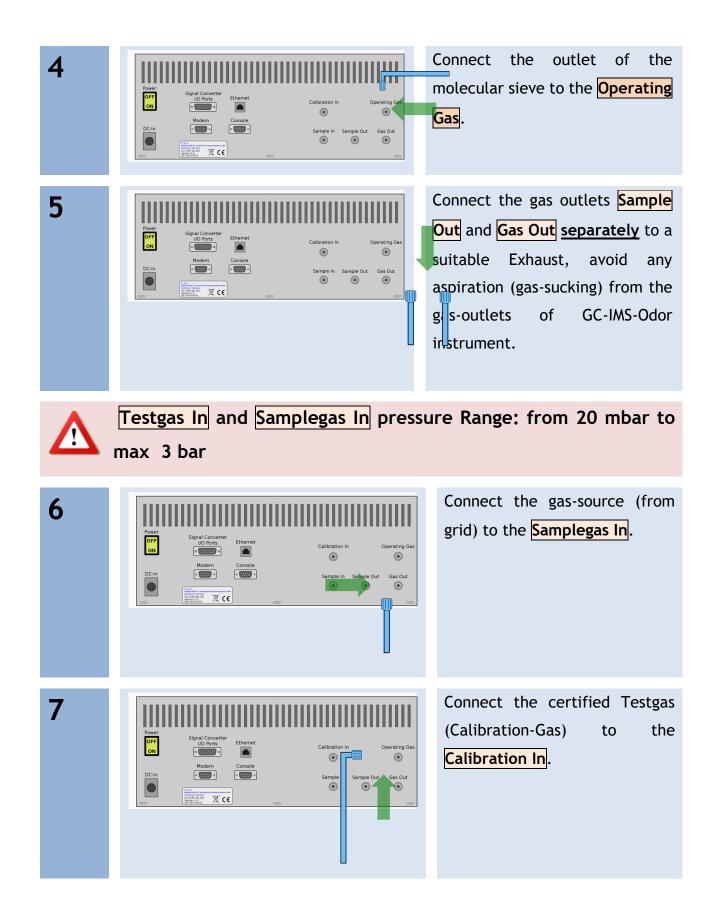
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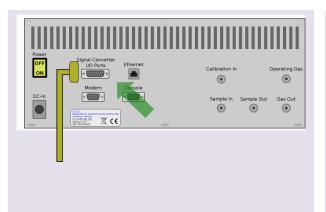
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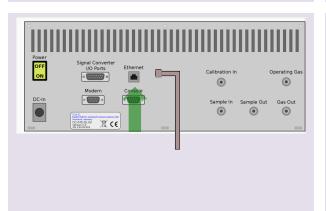


10 Option



For Output of Result-Values via the Current-Loop (0-20-mA Current-Loop) connect the Current-Loop cabel to the socket Signal Converter - I/O Ports. View more detailed information in the User-Manual

11 Option



Measurement files and Result Reports can be transferred to a Server via LAN. Connect the Ethernet LAN Cable to the RJ45 Socket and to the LAN. View more detailed information in the User-Manual

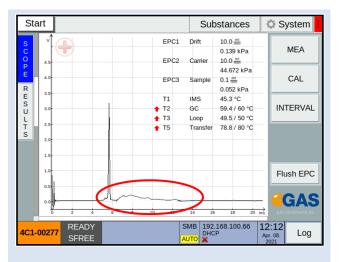
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Set Power ON.

5.3 Workflow Cleaning

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Typical View of the Start Page after successful set-up and power-up of the instrument. The instrument would be ready, the key instrument default parameters have almost reached their setpoints (see red arrows)

Contamination is seen (red circle), the instrument needs cleaning. Ideally do a Cleaning over night

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Open:

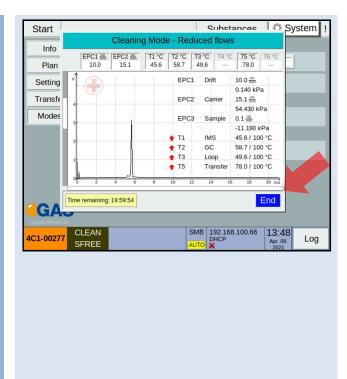
System > Modes > Cleaning

Mode

Chose between High Flows or Reduced Flows

It is recommended to use high flows because the Cleaning is more efficient. Chose Reduced Flows if Nitrogen saving is necessary. Select the Cleaning duration Click Start to start the Cleaning cycle

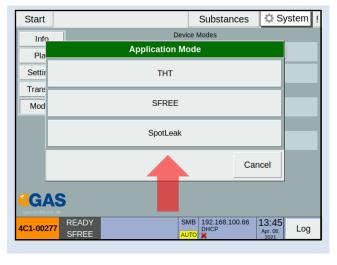


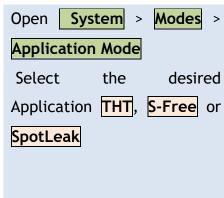


During the Cleaning Cycle the Cleaning Mode Page is shown. The instrument parameters can be observed. All Temperatures are heated to 100°C. To cancle the Cleaning Mode Press End. Time The remaining is indicated Note that after the Cleaning it will take 2 h to cool down to **Default Temperatures**

5.4 Workflow Selecting the Application Mode

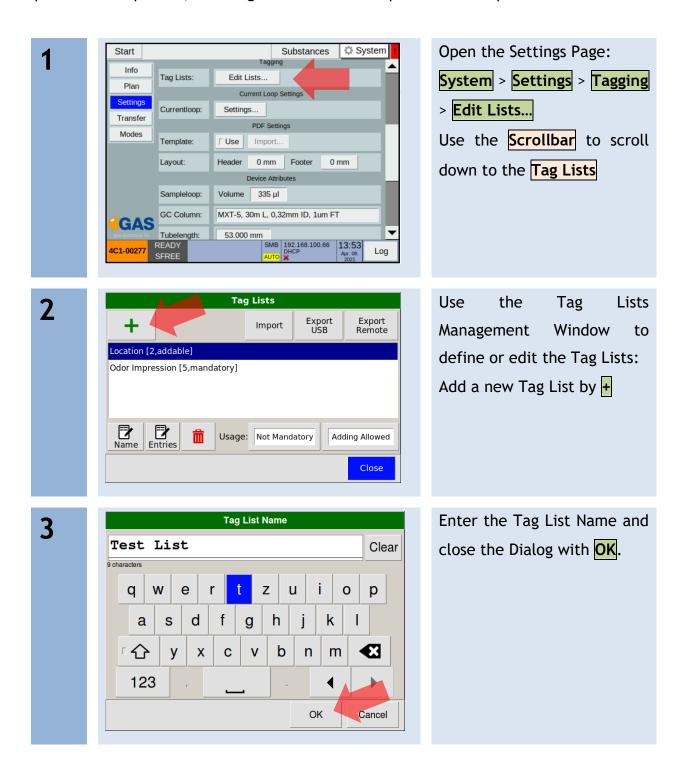
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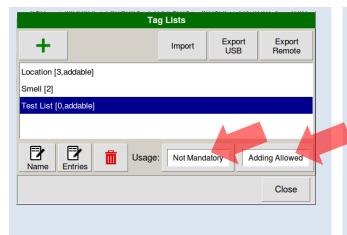


5.5 Workflow: Define Tag Lists (optional)

It is possible to define Tags which will be added to the measurement files and to the results report. This is optional, if no tags are needed the operator can skip this section







Set the Properties of the Tag Lists.

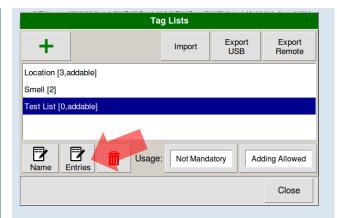
Example:

Make a Tag a requirement: -

Mandatory

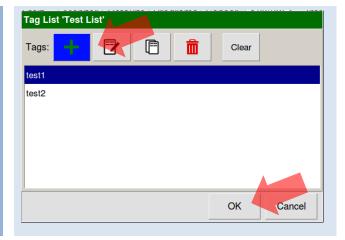
Allow a manual addition to a Tag - Adding Allowed

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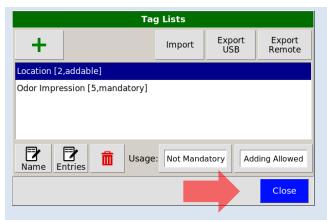
Open a Tag List for editing the Entries **Edit Entries**.

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Add Tags using +
Close the Dialogue Box with
OK.

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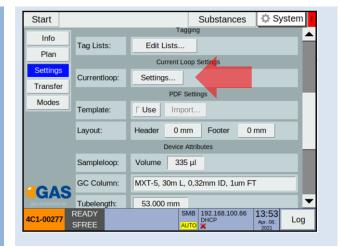


Close the Tag List Management Window with Close.

5.6 Workflow: Set the Output of the Current Loop (optional)

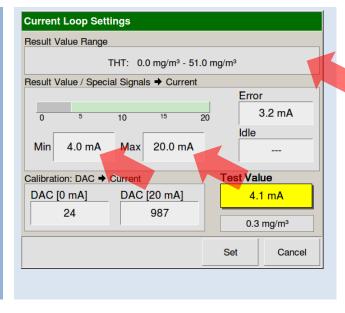
To get an Output Signal representing the measured concentration generated by the 0-20mA-Current-Loop it is necessary to connect a suitable cable to the Signal Converter - I/O Ports found at the backside of the GC-IMS-Odor Instrument as well as to the chosen Signal Display. Please consult the GC-IMS-Odour User Manual for more information.

1



Open the Current Loop
Settings Dialogue Box
System > Settings > Current
Loop > Settings...

2



Use the Value Entry Fields of

Result Value / Special

Signals -> Current >

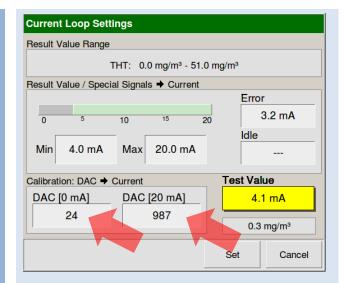
To set Min and Max oft he projection of the concentration range onto the current output range (0 mA to 20 mA)

Example-Settings:

0 mg/m³ → 4 mA

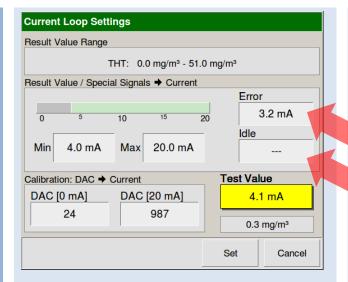
51 mg/m³ → 20 mA

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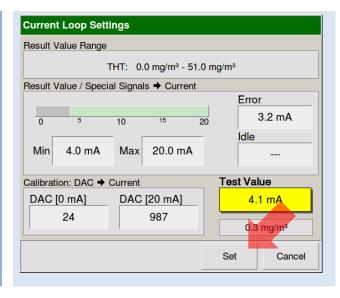
Use the Value Entry Fields of Calibration: DAC ->Current
>to set DAC [0 mA] and DAC
[20 mA] which allows
calibrating the Currentloop
with the Display Unit.

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In addition it is possible to Define a mA Value which reports an Error as well as to define the Current output during the idle state of the instrument. In Result Value / Special Signals -> Current set the Values for Error and Idle

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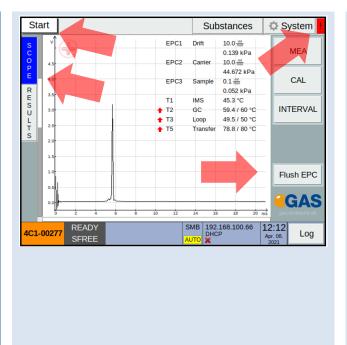


Apply the new Settings which were entered in the Current Loop Settings Dialogue by clicking Set

6 Running the instrument

6.1 Preparations for Measuring

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Select Start > SCOPE to view the status of the instrument Inspect the Quality of the RIP In case of contamination perform the instrument Cleaning (see Workflow Cleaning 5.3

Check for pending Errors !!

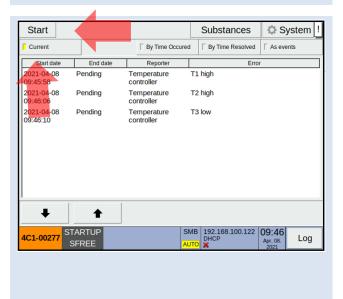
by opening the Error Page

Consider to Flush EPC to

passivate all sampling

surfaces

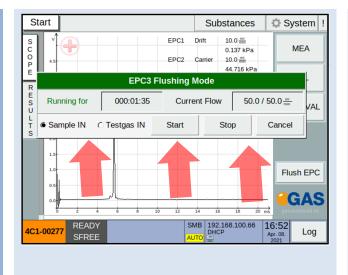
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By clicking the **red** blinking the error page opens in the Default view reporting current Errors.

Typically after Cleaning
Temperatures are too high or
during Start-up the
instrument needs to heat to
reach Temperature setpoints
Click Start to continue

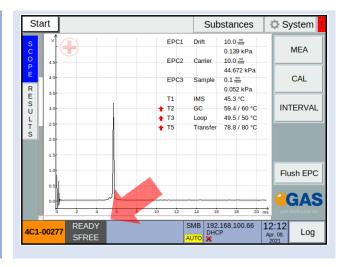
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It is possible to Flush the sampling lines including the sample loop to ensure that surface passivation is done. Select either the Sample IN line or the **Testgas IN** Line and Start The EPC3 Flushing Mode. It is also possible to Stop or Cancel he EPC3 Flushing Mode Consult the GC-IMS-Odor

User Manual for more insights

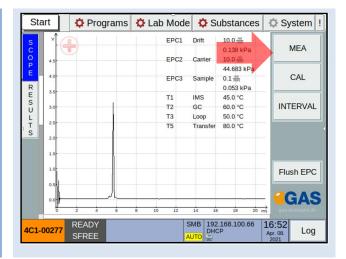
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Check in the **Status Bar** if the **Application** desired is selected and if the System is **Ready** for measuring.

6.2 Workflow: Run a Manual Measurement

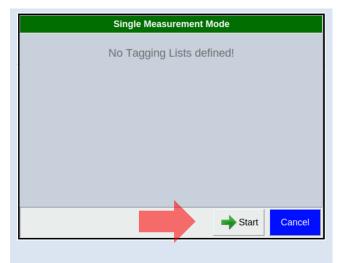
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Click **MEA** to start a Manual Measurement.

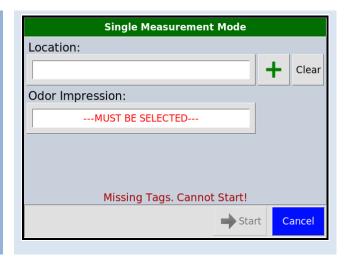
Before the measurement can be startet the user will be prompted to Select File-Tags By Default the Tag List is empty

2



The Start Button is enabled if the Tagging Lists are empty. In Case of Mandatory Tags the user is prompted to select it. The Start Button is disabled until all mandatory Tags are selected Click Start to run the

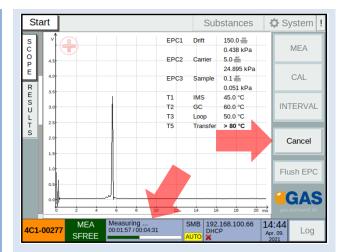
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Typical Exemplary Screenshot. The Operator must select an odour impression tag before the Measurement can be started. The **Start** button is disabled

measurement (or Cancel)

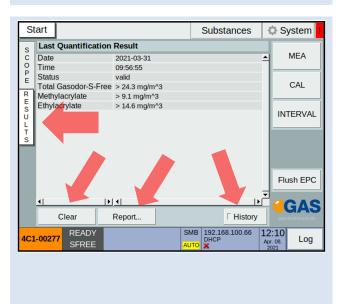
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During the Measurement, the Operator can observe the progress of the ongoing data acquisition.

It also would be possible to Cancel the measurement

5



The **Start** Page also contains the **Results** Table. The Table shows the last Quantification Result.

Use Clear to delete previous results, Report to transfer the Results as PDF-report to USB or a Remote Server Enable History to keep

previously acquired results

6.3 Workflow: Run a Manual Calibration

The purpose of the manual calibration is to fine-tune the calibration the device.

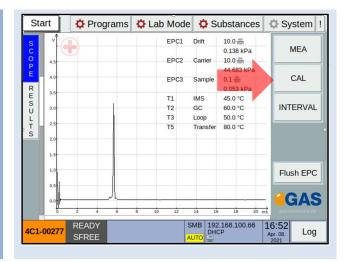


One or more substance calibrations are modified in the calibration process. Make sure that an appropriate calibration gas source is connected to the Testgas In socket at the rear of the housing.



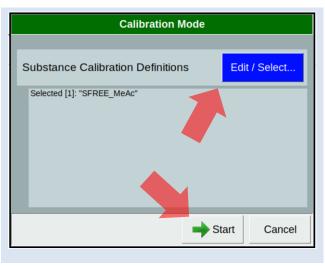
A manual calibration only works within certain margins around the factory calibration. When it varies too much from the factory calibration the user is informed, and the results of the manual calibration process are discarded.

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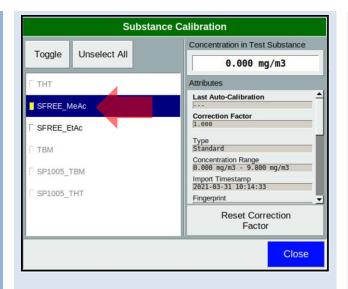
Click CAL to start a Manual Calibration Measurement
This will open the Calibration mode dialog

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After entering the Calibration Mode it is possible to Edit/Select the Substance Calibration Definitions or directly Start the Calibration measurement using the previous Definitions

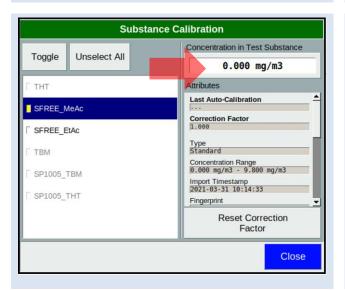
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Select all substances that are present in the connected calibration gas source and should be calibrated. Selected substances are displayed with a Yellow mark.

Substances which can not be quantified with the selected Application are greyed out.

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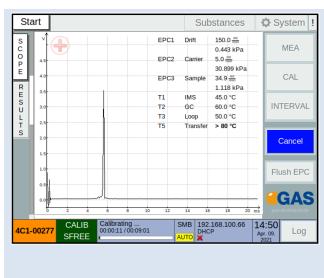


Enter the concentration of
the substance which will be
presented by testgas supply.
It is possible to view
Attributes of the Calibration
Model
Close the Substance

Calibration Window and Start

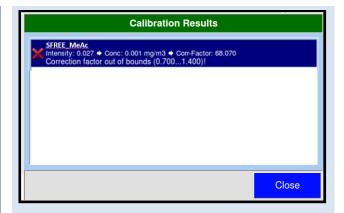
the Calibration Measurement

5



During the Calibration Measurement, the Operator can observe the progress of the ongoing data acquisition. It also would be possible to Cancel the measurement Instead of reporting Results a correction Factor is calculated. View the User-Manual for more Details

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This Calibration measurement failed because the Correction Facture was out of the defined acceptable range.

6.4 Workflow Running automated Measurements

6.4.1 Introduction to the Interval Mode

In the interval mode scheduled measurements and calibrations are performed in a continuous and predefined sequence. The latest release of the GC-IMS-Odor Firmware provides a full flexibility to define the measurement intervals, as well as calibration and cleaning intervals.



All substance calibrations associated with the selected application mode are modified within the interval mode when calibrations are activated. Make sure that an appropriate calibration gas source is connected to the Testgas In socket at the rear of the housing.



A calibration only works within certain margins around the factory calibration. When it varies too much from the factory calibration the user is informed and the results of the calibration process are discarded.

6.4.2 Defining the automatic measurement schedule



Carefully plan your Interval schedule, consider the minimum time required for a measurement/calibration and consider the implemented hierarchy of priorities in case of coincidence: Cleaning has priority over Calibration and Calibration has priority over Measurement.



During a measurement device component values are dynamically modified. These values are displayed in the scope view.



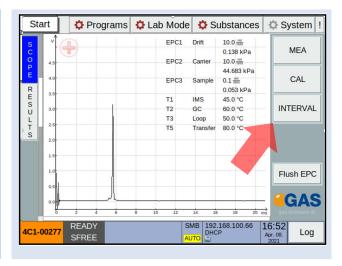
Any cleaning process must be completed ~2 hours prior to any measurement so that the internal components can cool down to the required temperatures.

This must be taken into account also if cleaning cycles are introduced in the interval schedule



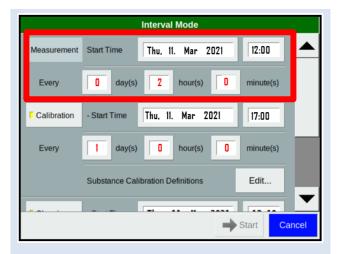
Before every measurement and before every calibration the RIP and the default parameters are tested. In case this test fails the measurement is invalidated or the calibration is skipped.

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Select mode button: **Start** > **INTERVAL**.

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Select in the start dialog

Interval Mode > Measurement

- Start Time / Every: The start

of the the first measurement
and the repetition rate can be
defined. Example: Defined

Start Time and MEA Every 2
hours.

The minimum interval time set in Every must be longer than the Measurement Program.

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Activate or deactivate calibrations with

Interval Mode > Calibration.

As soon as Calibration is activated the Substance Calibration Definitions must be checked and updated if required

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Example: Calibration every day at 17:00

With Calibration > Start Time

(1)/ Every (2) select the start

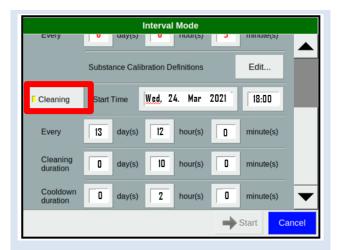
point of the first calibration

and the repetition rate.

With Substance Calibration

Definitions > Edit... (3) the loaded substance calibrations can be reviewed.

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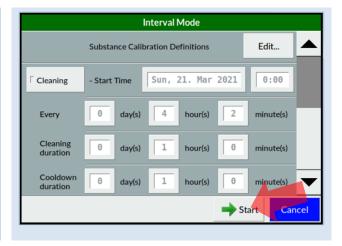
With Calibration > Cleaning it is possible to also enable Cleaning cycles and Cleaning Start time can be defined



With Cleaning - Every/
Cleaning Duration and
Cooldown Duration select the
required Timing

Example: 13 days after starting the Interval Mode on March 11, 2021 the first cleaning cycle is started at 18:00 for 10 hours, followed by a cool-down of 2 hours. Consecutive measurements will be re-initiated at 6 am in the morning of day 14 at the defined measurement cycle frequency.

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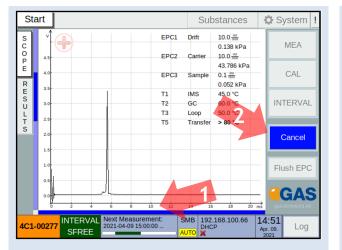


After all entries are defined the defined Interval can be started

Close the dialog with Start.

The Interval Mode is started. In the shown settings the Cleaning will not be included in the interval schedule.

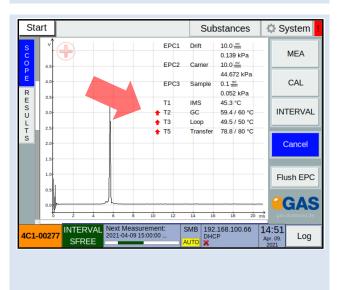




In the status bar the starting point of the next measurement or calibration and the progress of a measurement or calibration are displayed (1).

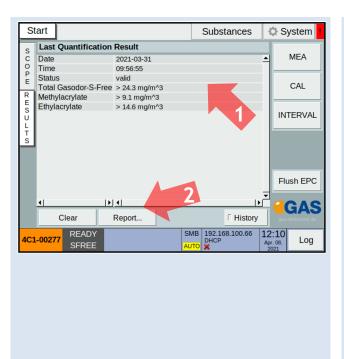
With Start > Cancel the process can be cancelled (2).

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During the process, the device parameters can be modified. They are displayed on **Start** > **SCOPE**. Adjusting values are display in red.





On Start > RESULTS the result of the measurement is displayed when it has been successful (1).

Results can be copied to a connected USB device or a server with Start > RESULTS >

Report... (2).

The concentration of the main substance is outputted to the current loop.