UPAS v2 Ultrasonic Personal Air Sampler

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(Actual device size)

HIGHLIGHTS

Integrated size-selective PM inlets Wireless setup via mobile application Active, accurate sample flow control Small and quiet; minimal ergonomic burden Comprehensive, time-resolved data logging GPS tracking Long battery endurance for extended sampling



Access Sensor Technologies' Ultrasonic Personal Air Sampler (UPAS) is a compact filter sampler built around ultrasonic pumping technology. The UPAS is smaller, lighter, quieter, more affordable, easier to use, and more robust than conventional air sampling equipment.

Minimal ergonomic burden: The UPAS is silent, small, and light enough to be worn directly in the subject's breathing zone. The interchangeable size-selective sample inlets and filter cartridges integrate directly with the pumping mechanism, so there's no need for cumbersome tubing or tape!

Sampling made simple: It's easy to set up the UPAS and download sample data to your mobile device using our Android or iOS application.

Reliable data: An active sample flow control system maintains the target volumetric flow rate even as environmental conditions change and the pressure drop across the sample filter increases. The UPAS automatically logs a comprehensive set of operational data to facilitate robust sample quality assurance.

"I like the UPAS because it is easier to use." -Dr. Robert Blount, University of Iowa

SPECIFICATIONS	
Exterior size	128 mm × 70 mm × 23 mm
Weight	230 g (with PM _{2.5} 1 L min ⁻¹ inlet)
Noise	<40 dB
Flow rate range	1 to 2 L min ⁻¹ \pm 4% (actively-controlled)
Size-selective inlets (per relevant EPA, ACGIH, and ISO criteria)	$\begin{array}{l} PM_{2.5}, \ 1 \ L \ \text{min}^{-1} \\ PM_{2.5}, \ 2 \ L \ \text{min}^{-1} \\ Respirable, \ 2 \ L \ \text{min}^{-1} \\ PM_{10} \ / \ Thoracic, \ 2 \ L \ \text{min}^{-1} \end{array}$
Filter size	37 mm (quick-change filter cartridge)
Battery type	Li-ion, 24 W-h
Battery endurance	>35 h when sampling $PM_{2.5}$ onto a PTFE filter at 1 L min ⁻¹ , extendable via duty cycle sam- pling or external battery/power connection
On-board sensors monitor:	 Sample flow rate Temperature/pressure/relative humidity GPS location of UPAS Differential pressure across the sample filter
These specifications depend on the filter used. Values reported here were determined using a 3 µm pore size PTFE filter from Measurement Technology Laboratories, LLC (PT37P-PF03).	

SIMPLE FILTER REPLACEMENT

SIMPLE INTEGRATED DESIGN

SIMPLE FORM FACTOR



WEARABLE FOR ALL AGES

INDOOR ENVIRONMENT

The UPAS has been laboratory- and field-tested alongside gold standards like the Harvard Impactor and the Mesa Labs/BGI Triplex Cyclone. For more information, see:

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Performance of the UPAS and a Personal Environmental Monitor (PEM + XR5000 pump) relative to an EPA Federal Reference Method (FRM) sampler for $PM_{2.5}$ mass.