UF-CPC 100



The UF-CPC 100 is a butanol-based nanoparticle counter with high efficiency. It measures the number concentrations of ultrafine particles (UFP) in aerosols. Model 100 is designed for concentrations up to 10^5 particles/cm^3. This makes it very suitable for determining the particle concentrations of aerosols, not only in ambient air but also for synthetically produced aerosols, for example, for measuring the efficiency of filter media. In nephelometer mode, measurements up to $2 \cdot 10^7$ particles/cm^3 are possible. The counter can be easily combined with the Palas size classifiers (Scanning Mobility Particle Spectrometer / Mobility Particle Size Spectrometer).

The patented evaporator and condensation module is maintenance-free. This allows continuous operating times of up to one year.

Operation principle

Condensation particle counter for number concentration up to 10^7 particles/cm^3 (photometric mode)

The aerosol is fed directly to the evaporator unit by the internally adjustable and controlled diaphragm pump, saturated with the working liquid n-butanol. The butanol flows in a spiral trough inside the cylinder to the base of the evaporator. The unevaporated residue is pumped back into the reservoir by a second pump. This actively ensures permanent saturation of the evaporator while preventing deposits from forming on the inner walls.

In contrast to a control with a critical nozzle, contamination of the system cannot lead to a drop in volume flow. This is particularly important for long-term measurements. The user can also calibrate the volume flow.

The condensed particles are detected by an optical sensor, which determines the concentrations and size distribution of the condensed particles. This enables simple and efficient quality control.

The system is typically delivered with a cut-off D50 = 4.5 nm (measured with generated and selected NaCl particles). Others are adjustable and can be used optionally.

In the expert mode for research, the user can adjust various parameters to individual needs via the 7″ touch screen.

The UF-CPC system supports a standardized interface with various protocol selection options, such as Modbus or ASCII protocol, for process monitoring applications. All measured data, including the corresponding settings, is stored directly on the device. Thus, the data can be accessed and visualized directly at any time.

Extensions/Accessories

An air-conditioned weatherproof housing is available for the system.

BENEFITS

- Intuitive user interface with sophisticated software for data analysis
- Unlimited network compatibility that supports remote control and data storage on the Internet
- Visualization of all operating and measurement data
- Integrated interface for process control applications
- Lower detection efficiency D50 adjustable to 10 nm (others on request)

NORMS AND CERTIFICATES

ISO 27891:2015

DATASHEET

Measuring principle	Condensation of ultrafine particles, optical sensor for determining the number concentration and size distribution of the condensed particles
Measurement range (number C_N)	10^5 particles/cm^3 (single count mode), 10^5 – 10^7 particles/cm^3 (nephelometric mode)
Measurement range (size)	4 – >3,000 nm
Volume flow	0.9 L/min (butanol) 0.3–1 L/min (adjustable for research applications) (others on request)
Time resolution	Min. 1s
Interfaces	USB, Ethernet (LAN), weather station/butanol level sensor, RS-232, T/rH sensor
User interface	Touchscreen, 800 • 480 pixel, 7″ (17.78 cm)
Protocols	UDP, UIDEP, B/H, MODBUS TCP/RTU, ASCII TCP/Seriell
Data logger storage	4 GB
Software	PDAnalyze
Detection efficiency (at low particle size)	D50 = 10 ± 1 nm (others on request); D90 < 20 nm, D95 @ 40 nm ± 10 nm, D90 @ 1000 nm ± 100 nm
Data acquisition	Digital, 20 MHz processor, 256 raw data channels
Light source	LED
Housing	Tabletop device
Power supply	90 – 264 V, 50/60 Hz
Power consumption	Average power consumption: 40 W
Installation conditions	+10 – +30 °C (others on request)
Accuracy	5% (single count mode), 10% (nephelometric mode)
Response time	t_{90} < 2.8 s, $t_{90–10}$ < 2.0 s
Working fluid	n-Butanol (>99.5%)
Dimensions	290 • 240 • 350 mm (H • W • D)
Weight	Approx. 10 kg
Resolution	Min. 1s
Data Management	Prepared for connection to the Palas Cloud MyAtmosphere (“MyAtmosphere-ready”)

Applications

- Aerosol research
- Testing of filters and air purifiers
- Environmental measurements
- Workplace exposure and occupational safety studies
- Studies concerning inhalation and health impacts
- Process control
- Printer emission studies

Mehr Informationen:
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