TE-PM1C PM₁ Particulate Fractionator

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1.0 TE-PM1C Cyclone

The TE-PM1C is a PM₁ particle fractionator that utilizes a cyclonic effect to separate ambient particles. Particles within the aerosol whose aerodynamic diameter is greater than PM₁ are collected in the collector cup and those particles within the aerosol that are less or equal to PM₁ are passed onward through the downtube assembly. TE-PM1C cyclone is used in conjunction with a standard US EPA PM₁₀ inlet. The cyclone is placed downstream of the PM₁₀ inlet to achieve PM₁ particulate collection. The cyclone is designed to be operated at a flowrate of 16.67 Liters per minute to achieve optimal PM₁ collection.

1.1 PM1C Overview



1.2 Cleaning and Maintenance Interval

The interval between cleaning of the TE-PM1C cyclone is not to exceed 30 days of 24 hour sampling events.

TE-PM1C cyclone is made from high quality aluminum alloy and has an anodized finish. All aluminum alloy components are maintenance free. There are several O-rings that should be inspected for wear or tears on every cleaning. Replace any O-ring that is suspect to avoid leaks.

1.3 Cleaning Instructions

The following describes how to clean the TE-PM1C Cyclone.

- 1. Remove the cyclone from the sampler and place on a flat surface.
- 2. Unscrew the collector cup and wipe out the inside of the cyclone body with a lint-free laboratory wipe. Distilled water or general purpose cleaner can be used if the inner body is very dirty.
- 3. Wipe the inside of the collector cup with a lint-free wipe.
- 4. Remove the connector by pulling outward.
- 5. Inspect the o-rings, on the tubes that the connector plugs into, for wear or damage. Replace if worn or damaged.
- 6. Wipe down the connector and the outside of the tubes. Lint-free swabs may be used to clean interior surfaces.
- 7. Unscrew the exit adapter.
- 8. Wipe down the exit adapter and the inside of the cyclone body with a lint-free laboratory wipe.
- 9. Inspect the o-ring on the outer lip of the exit adapter for wear or damage. Replace if worn or damaged.
- 10. Clean the inside of the cyclone body with a lint-free wipe and swabs.
- 11. Thread the exit adapter back into the cyclone body.
- 12. Place a small amount of o-ring grease around the o-rings on the exit adapter and downtube assembly tubes.
- 13. Push the connector onto the tubes of the body.
- 14. Thread the collector cup back into the body.
- 15. Wipe out the downtube assembly of the cyclone with a lint-free wipe.
- 16. Place back into service and perform a leak check per the manufacturer's instructions.

1.4 Parts List / Exploded View

