Instrumentation

DETECTORS, ANALYZERS, AND PURIFIERS

Most of the components we supply to the instrumentation industry are from our valve and fitting lines. The rest, from our R&D 100 Award-winning pulsed discharge detectors to our application-dedicated trace gas analyzers, are primarily for gas detection and purification.

Pulsed discharge detectors

Non-radioactive, multiple mode electron capture / helium photoionization

VICI PDDs (pulsed discharge detectors) utilize a stable, low powered, pulsed DC discharge in helium as an ionization source. Eluants from the column, flowing counter to the flow of helium from the discharge zone, are ionized by photons from the helium discharge. The bias electrode(s) focus the resulting electrons toward the collector electrode, where they cause changes in the standing current which are quantified as the detector output. Performance is equal to or better than detectors with conventional radioactive sources.

In the electron capture mode, the PDD is a selective detector for monitoring high electron affinity compounds such as freons, chlorinated pesticides, and other halogen compounds. For this type of compound, the minimum detectable quantity (MDQ) is at the femtogram (10^{-15}) or picogram (10^{-12}) level.

In the helium photoionization mode, the PDD is a universal, non-destructive, high sensitivity detector. The response to both inorganic and organic compounds is linear over a wide range. Response to fixed gases is positive (increase in standing current), with an MDQ in the low ppb range.

The PDD in helium photoionization mode is an ideal replacement for FIDs in petrochemical or refinery environments, where the hydrogen and flame can be problematic. In addition, when the discharge gas is doped with argon, krypton, or xenon (depending on the desired cutoff point), the PDD functions as a specific photoionization detector for selective determination of aliphatics, aromatics, amines, and other species.

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TRACE GAS ANALYZERS AT VICI.COM

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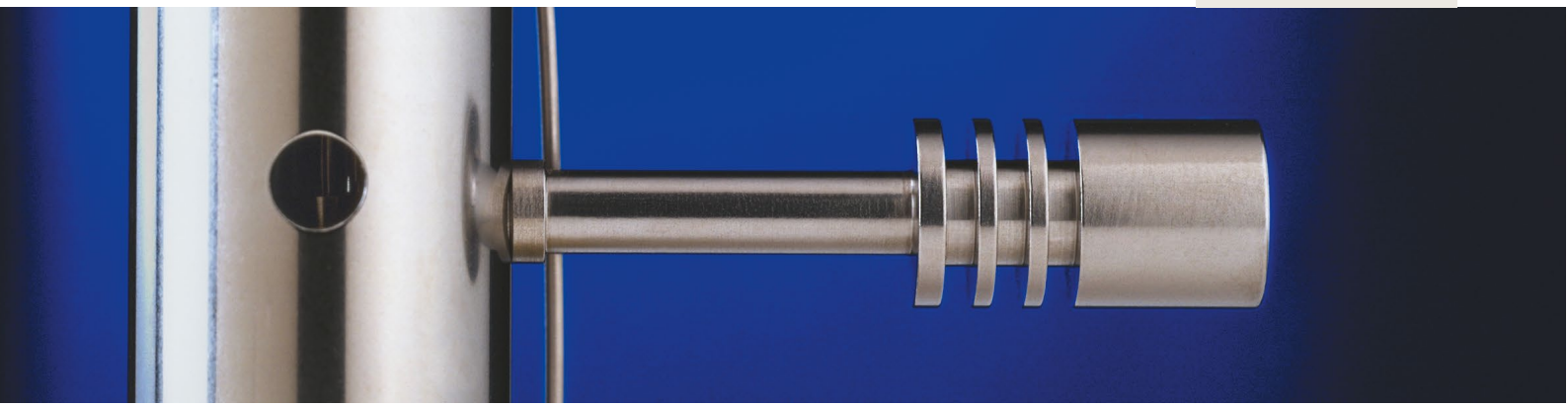


Model D-2

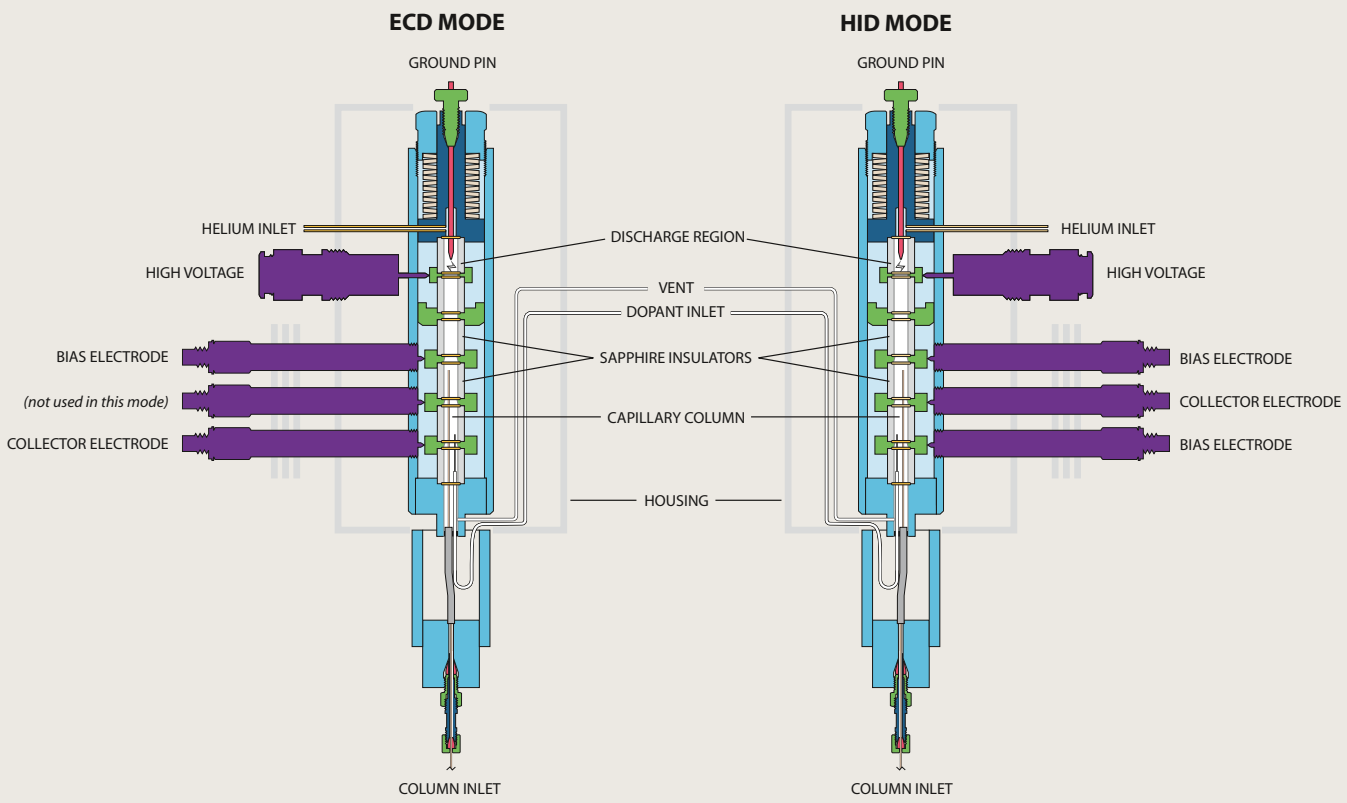
The D-2 is a dual mode, universal detector system which can be retro-fitted to your older GC. The D-2-I is optimized for trace level work in the helium photoionization mode. The stand-alone systems include detector, controller, electrometer, HP2 helium purifier *(see page 226)*, and power supply.

PDD Model D-2 CE *Stand-alone system*

Detector system includes detector cell, pulser, controller, electrometer, and helium purifier.

Description	**110 VAC** *Prod No*	**230 VAC** *Prod No*
Mode-selectable universal electron capture / photoionization detector system	D-2	D-2-220
Detectors optimized for trace level work in helium photoionization mode		
Optimized for packed column use	D-2-I	D-2-I-220

Model D-2



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miniPDD helium ionization detectors

The newest member of the PDD family is also the smallest and thriftiest. The miniPDD uses about one fifth (20%) the amount of helium as the D-3 and D-4 versions, giving up only a bit of sensitivity and dynamic range in return. It is approximately one half the size of the D-4, but has nearly the same sensitivity – about 100 ppb for fixed gases. With its reduced size, weight, and helium consumption, it is particularly well suited to portable applications, or to any situation in which the high cost of helium becomes a consideration.

It can be paired with other Valco components (controller, pulse module, helium purifiers, etc.) or can be purchased alone for use with existing components. Call today to discuss the endless possibilities.

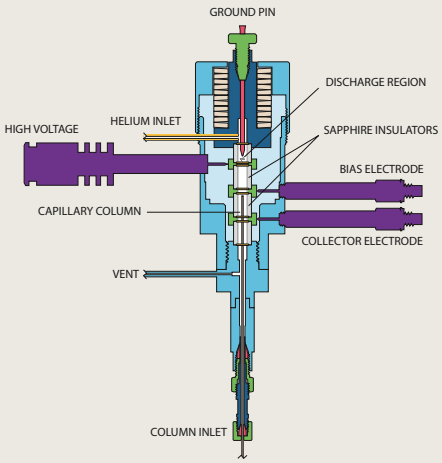
Shown actual size.

NEW PDD Model D2-IM CE *Helium photoionization*

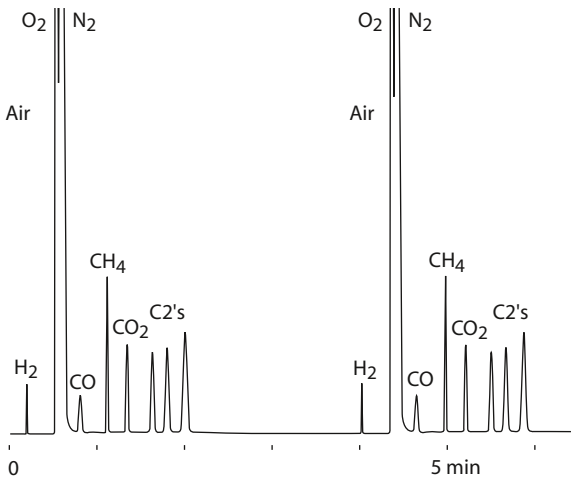
Detector cell only optimized for helium photoionization mode

Description	*Prod No*
miniPDD cell only	PD-D2-IM
miniPDD system Includes controller and purifier	D-2-IM

Model D-2-IM schematic



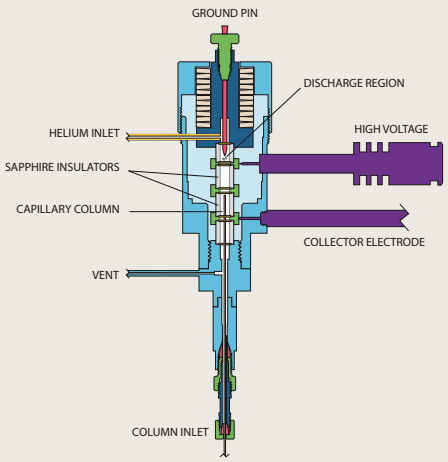
miniPDD Model D-2-IM



TWO CONSECUTIVE RUNS OF LIGHT HYDROCARBONS IN AIR

Detector:	miniPDD Model PD-2-IM
Detector temp:	150°C
Column:	100/120 ShinCarbon 1.4 m x 0.53 mm Silcosteel
Resistive heat:	30°C (0.9 min) to 230°C at 100°C/min (hold 1 min)
Sample:	2000 ppm in air, 2 µL size
Carrier:	Helium
Discharge gas:	Helium

Model D-3 schematic



Plug-and-play detectors for Agilent 7890 and 6890

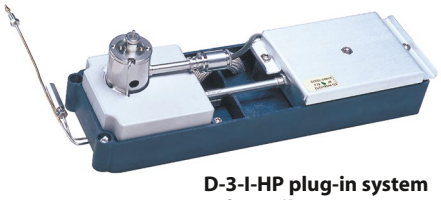
Model D-3 is designed for plug-and-play installation on the popular Agilent 6890 and 7890, and is optimized for trace level work in the helium photoionization mode.

Both versions utilize the electonics and power supply of the host GC.

PDD Model D-3 *Helium photoionization*

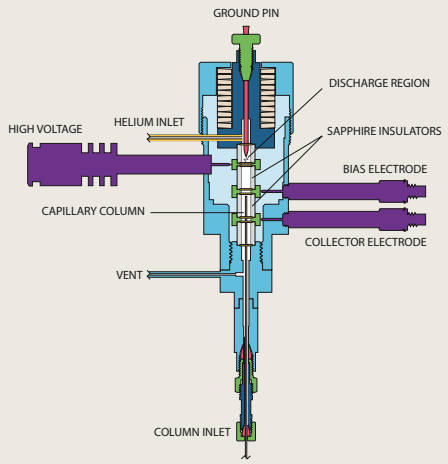
Detector optimized for trace level work in helium photoionization mode

Description	**110 VAC** *Prod No*	**230 VAC** *Prod No*
Plug-in system for Agilent 7890	D-3-I-7890	D-3-I-7890-220
Plug-in system for Agilent 6890	D-3-I-HP	D-3-I-HP-220



D-3-I-HP plug-in system for Agilent 6890 GC

Model D-4 schematic



Plug-and-play detectors for other GCs

Pulsed Discharge Detector Model D-4 is available in versions for easy installation on most of the GCs in current use, including the Varian 3800; Shimadzu 14, 17, 2010, and 2014; ThermoFinnigan Trace, Mega, and Top; and Hewlett Packard 5890. The D-4 is single mode, optimized for trace level work in the helium photoionization mode.

PDD Model D-4 *Helium photoionization*

Detectors optimized for trace level work in helium photoionization mode

Description	**110 VAC** *Prod No*	**230 VAC** *Prod No*
Specialized detector for		
HP 5890	D-4-I-HP58	D-4-I-HP58-220
Shimadzu GC 14 *	D-4-I-SH14-R	D-4-I-SH14-R-220
Shimadzu GC 17, 2010, 2014 *	D-4-I-SH17-R	D-4-I-SH17-R-220
Thermo Trace GC *	D-4-I-TQ-R	D-4-I-TQ-R-220
Varian 3800 *	D-4-I-VA38-R	D-4-I-VA38-R-220
* Uses existing GC FID electrometer.		
For all other GCs	D-4-I	D-4-I-220 CE

NOTE
PDD Model D-4-I-220 has been designed to meet CE regulations.

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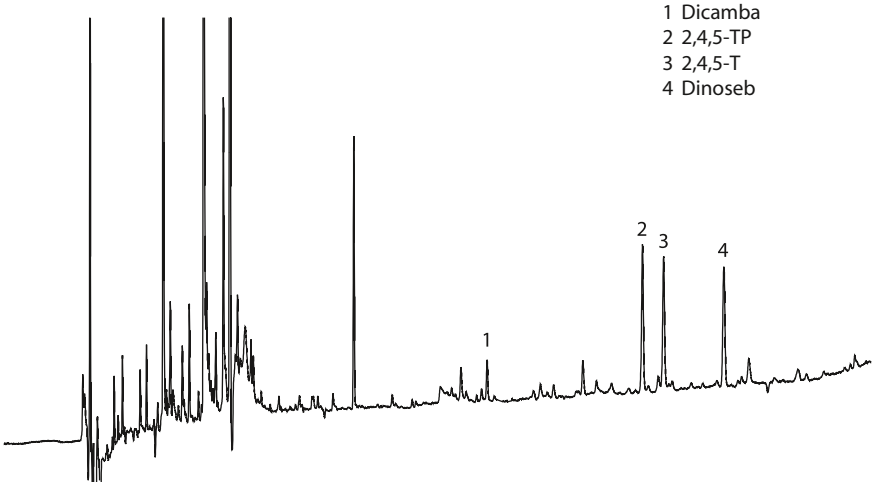
Model D-2

HERBICIDES IN SOIL SAMPLES USING EPA METHOD 8151

Detector:	PDD Model D-2
Mode:	Electron capture
Sample:	Environmental soil (1 g)
Detector temp:	320°C
Column:	ValcoBond VB-5 30 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 µm
Column temp:	60°C (2 min), 20°C/min to 180°C, 4°C/min to 220°C, 40°C/min to 300°C (5 min)
Injector temp:	200°C
Sample volume:	2 µL (solvent microextraction), 1:15 split
Discharge gas:	Helium
Dopant gas:	Helium/argon
Attenuation:	1

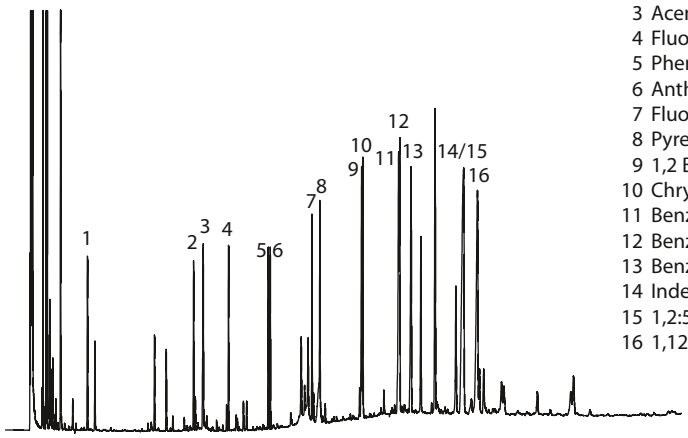


1 Dicamba
2 2,4,5-TP
3 2,4,5-T
4 Dinoseb

PDD Model D-2

PAH RESIDUES IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL SOIL SAMPLE SPIKE

Detector:	PDD Model D-2
Mode:	Helium photoionization
Sample:	Environmental soil (1 g)
Detector temp:	300°C
Column:	ValcoBond VB-35 30 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 µm
Column temp:	120°C for 3 min, 15°C/min to 310°C for 15 min
Injector temp:	275°C
Sample volume:	2 µL (solvent microextraction), 1:15 split
Discharge gas:	Helium
Dopant gas:	none
Attenuation:	1

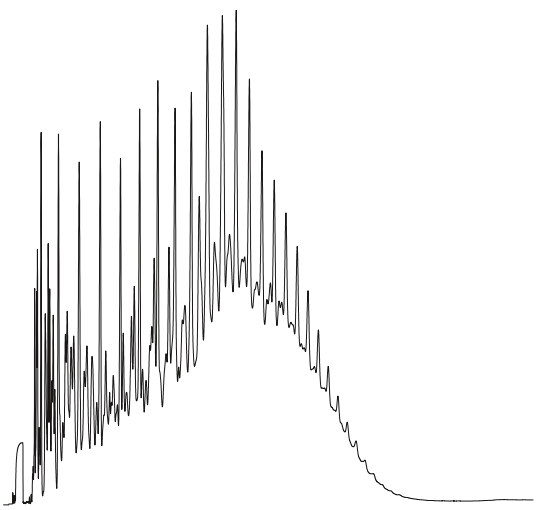


1 Naphthalene
2 Acenaphthalene
3 Acenaphthene
4 Fluorene
5 Phenanthrene
6 Anthracene
7 Fluoranthene
8 Pyrene
9 1,2 Benzanthracene
10 Chrysene
11 Benzo(b)fluoranthene
12 Benzo(k)fluoranthene
13 Benzo(a)pyrene
14 Indeno (1,2,3-C.d)pyrene
15 1,2:5,6-Dibenzanthracene
16 1,12-Benzoperylene

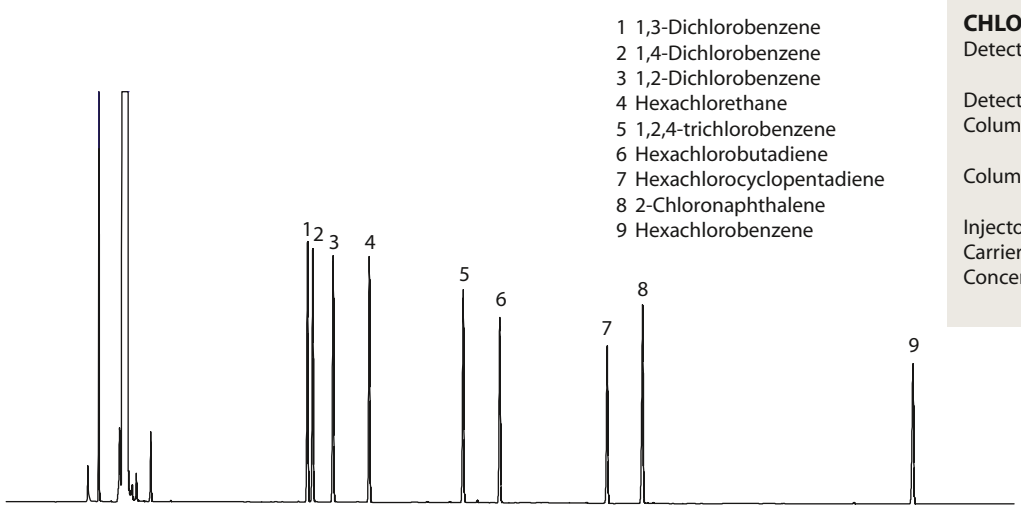
miniPDD Model D-2-IM

SIMULATED DISTILLATION IN TWO MINUTES

Detector:	miniPDD
Detector temp:	320°C
Column:	ValcoBond® VB-1 5 m x 0.25 mm x 0.20 µm
Column temp:	40°C initial for 0.1 min to 320°C at 150°C/min
Injector temp:	Cold on-column injection
Carrier gas:	Helium
Reference gas:	Helium
Sample:	Reference Gas Oil (RGO) provided by Separation Systems, Inc.



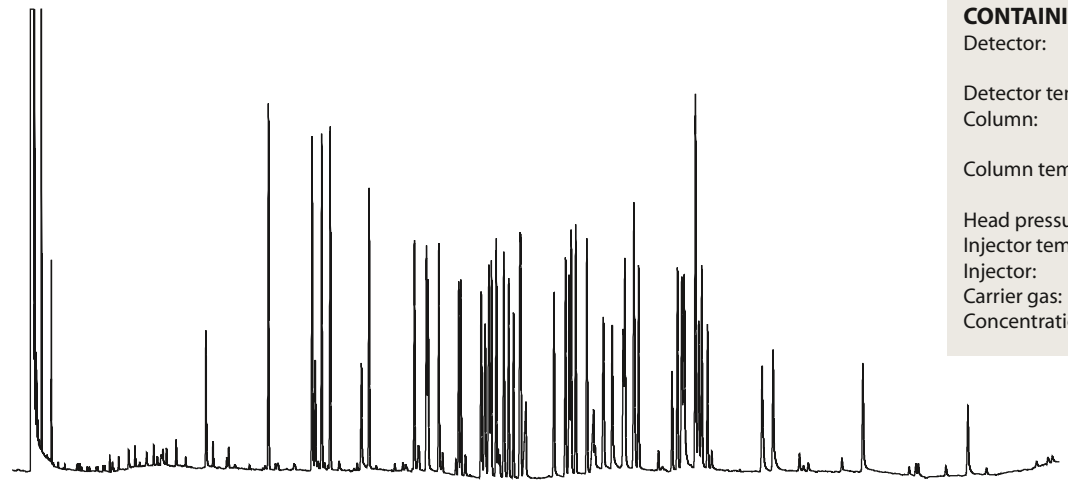
PDD Model D-3



CHLORINATED HYDROCARBONS

Detector:	PDD Model D-3 Helium photoionization
Detector temp:	280°C
Column:	ValcoBond VB-5 30 m x 0.25 mm x .25 µm
Column temp:	60°C initial to 320°C at 10°C/min
Injector temp:	280°C
Carrier gas:	Helium
Concentration:	5 mg/ml

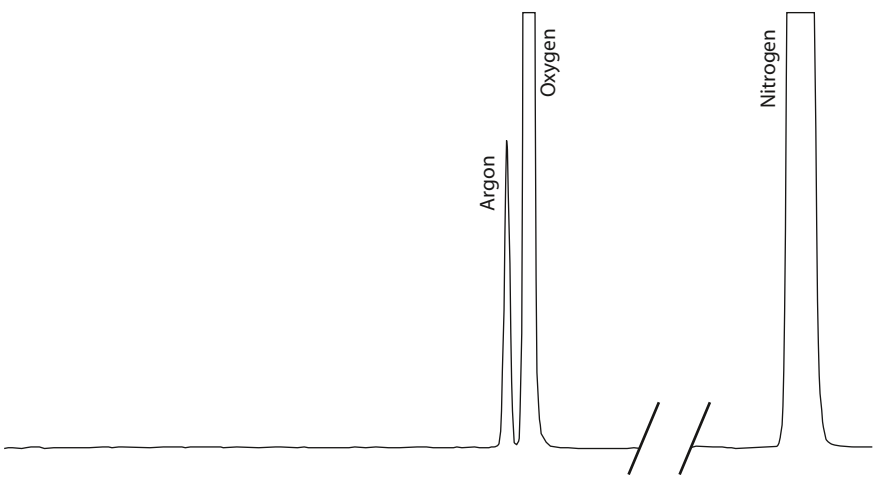
PDD Model D-3



NITROGEN- AND PHOSPHOROUS-CONTAINING PESTICIDES

Detector:	PDD Model D-3 Helium photoionization
Detector temp:	280°C
Column:	ValcoBond VB-5 30 m x 0.25 mm x .25 µm
Column temp:	60°C initial to 320°C at 10°C/min
Head pressure:	15 psi
Injector temp:	280°C
Injector:	Split 1:10
Carrier gas:	Helium
Concentration:	2.5 mg/ml

PDD Model D-3



AIR

Detector:	PDD Model D-3 Helium photoionization
Detector temp:	300°C
Column:	ValcoPLOT VP-Molesieve 30 m x 0.53 mm x 0.50 µm
Column temp:	Ambient
Injector temp:	250°C
Discharge gas:	Helium
Carrier gas:	Helium

Helium and nitrogen purifiers

Carrier gas purity is essential in any application requiring extreme sensitivity. Impurities limit detector sensitivity and can even destroy capillary columns. The Valco HP2 provides "point-of-use" purification of helium or other noble gases, such as Ar, Ne, Kr, and Xe, to sub-ppm levels of reactive gaseous impurities. The NP2 is similar, purifying nitrogen to sub-ppm levels of gaseous impurities.

The purification substrate in Valco gas purifiers is a non-evaporable gettering alloy. This stable alloy is contained in a welded assembly, so the purifiers can be used safely in industrial applications with minimal precautions. The getter is activated by heating, which eliminates the oxide film on the particle surface and allows helium to diffuse into the bulk of the getter particles. The HP2 and NP2 feature a self-regulating design which eliminates the possibility of thermal runaway and maintains the getter material at the optimum temperature.

Standard helium and nitrogen purifiers

CE

Includes universal power supply.

Description	**Helium purifier** *Prod No*	**Nitrogen purifier** *Prod No*
110 VAC	HP2-110	NP2-110
230 VAC	HP2-220	NP2-220

Replacement getter assembly

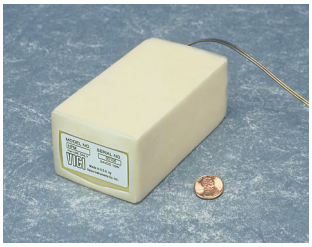
Helium	I-23572HP2
Nitrogen	I-23572NP2

HELIUM PURIFIER

- CE certified
- Gases purified: He, Ne, Ar, Kr, Xe, Rn
- Maximum operating pressure: 1000 psig
- Impurities removed: Outlet impurities less than 10ppb H_2O, H_2, O_2, N_2, NO, NH_3, CO, CO_2, and CH_4, based on 10ppm total inlet impurities. Other impurities removed include CF_4, CCl_4, SiH_4 and light hydrocarbons.
- Impurities ***not*** removed: He, Ne, Ar, Kr, Xe, Rn

NITROGEN PURIFIER

- CE certified
- Gases purified: N_2 only
- Impurities removed: Outlet impurities less than 10ppb H_2O, H_2, O_2, NO, NH_3, CO, CO_2, and CH_4, based on 10ppm total inlet impurities. Other impurities removed include CF_4, CCl_4, SiH_4 and light hydrocarbons.
- Impurities ***not*** removed: He, Ne, Ar, Kr, Xe, Rn, N_2



Miniature gas purifiers

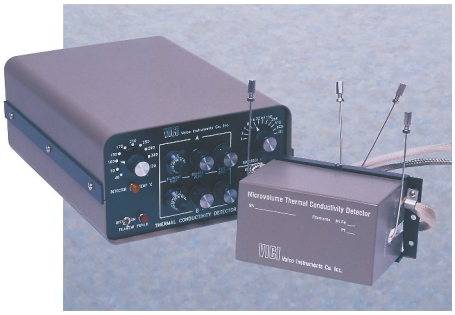
The Valco Miniature Helium Purifier (HPM) and Miniature Nitrogen Purifier (NPM) are designed to be installed in a gas chromatograph's flow path immediately upstream of the injector. The HPM/NPM will remove any contaminants introduced by flow controllers, elastomeric tube seals, pressure regulators, crude traps, or other system components that are not completely clean and leak-tight.

Mini helium and nitrogen purifiers

CE

Includes universal power supply.

Description	**Helium purifier** *Prod No*	**Nitrogen purifier** *Prod No*
110 VAC	HPM-110	NPM-110
230 VAC	HPM-220	NPM-220



Microvolume thermal conductivity detector

Our dual filament TCD is a stand-alone unit consisting of the detector housing and a controller with electrometer and temperature controls. The detector cell includes two separate nickel/iron filaments, capable of independent or referenced (differential) operation. Cell volume and geometry are optimized for capillary chromatography and enhanced sensitivity at low flow rates. (Recommended total flow rate: 2-10 mL/min.) Thermal stability is maintained to ±0.02°C, resulting in a stable, noise-free signal. A single 0-1 millivolt attenuated output for a strip chart recorder is provided through the signal cable at the rear of the controller, with 0-1 volt and 0-10 volt unattenuated signals available through the remote signal cable.

TCD Thermal conductivity detectors

CE

Description	**110 VAC** *Prod No*	**230 VAC** *Prod No*
Entire unit (cell and electronics)	TCD2-NIFE-110	TCD2-NIFE-220
Cell/oven assembly only, dual filament	TCD2-NIFED-110	TCD2-NIFED-220
TCD controller only	TCD2-C-110	TCD2-C-220