

Electrospray Aerosol Generator

Model 3482



Produces particles as small as 2 nm in diameter

When your application needs aerosolized nano-scale particles, such as viruses, proteins, or synthetic nanoparticles, the Advanced Electrospray Aerosol Generator (EAG) 3482 is the best tool for the job. In addition to enabling the characterization of biological or synthetic nanoparticles, the EAG 3482 can be used to generate nanoparticles for instrument calibration and characterization. Touchscreen controls and a camera make it easy to see and control the aerosol generation process and the instrument design makes it possible to switch samples quickly and easily.

The EAG Model 3482 produces high concentrations of monodisperse, submicrometer particles from 2 to 150+ nm (initial droplet diameter of 150 nm, nominal). A syringe pump pushes a grounded liquid solution or suspension into the electrospray and through a capillary tube into an electrical field. The electric field pulls the liquid from the capillary, creating a Taylor cone and forming individual droplets. Air and CO₂ mix with the droplets to evaporate the liquid content. During the drying process, the particles are neutralized using a soft X-Ray neutralizer.

Features and Benefits

- Generation of particles from 2 to 150+ nm in diameter
- Uniform size and shape of generated particles
- Soft X-ray ionization
- Multifunction touch-screen front panel including:
- Live view of capillary tip and Taylor cone
- On-screen control and readout of air and CO2 flow, voltage, current, and neutralizer state
- Ability to integrate with a variety of sample delivery systems including syringe pumps and autosamplers
- Ethernet communication

Applications

- Instrument calibration
- Nano-aerosol studies
- Macromolecular and submicrometer aerosol analysis
- Nanometer-sized powder dispersion
- Biomolecular studies
- Nanoparticle production



Specifications

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Method of Operation

A sample delivery method such as a syringe pump, autosampler, or liquid chromatography pump transports a liquid sample to the electrospray. The sample passes through a micro-cross where a platinum wire grounds the sample liquid and the sample is split into the capillary flow and the waste flow. The capillary extends into a chamber where a negatively charged orifice plate creates an electric field, inducing a charge at the capillary tip. The electric field acts on the induced charge to form ultrafine droplets that are mixed with clean air and CO₂. The droplets dry and are neutralized by the soft X-ray source within the chamber and the aerosol exits the instrument

Particle Type

- Aerosol particles as residue from electrosprayed solutions. Water-soluble, nonvolatile solids and liquids may be used to generate residue particles with diameters from less than 2 to about 50 nm. Using this approach, every spray droplet dries to a residue particle that contributes to the final aerosol, resulting in the highest aerosol concentrations obtainable from the Model 3482. The size distribution of the final aerosol depends on the concentration of the solute in the solution and the primary droplet size distribution, a property of the model 3482.
- Aerosol particles from aqueous suspensions and emulsions Aerosols of insoluble particles, lipid droplets, or macromolecules can be generated by spraying the corresponding dilute suspensions or emulsions. Proteins as small as 2 nm and PSL particles as large as ~150+ nm (somewhat larger than the spray droplets) have been aerosolized successfully in this way. Dilution ensures that most droplets contain no more than a single particle. The size distribution reflects that of the suspended particles or macromolecules; however, the concentration achieved is not as high as in the solution-residue method.

† Residue present below 20nm.

* Depends on material (solid, dissolved), particle size, liquid flow rate, liquid conductivity and particle loss

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Aerosol Generators used within Filter Tester

Operational Specifications	
Particle generation rate*	up to >10 ⁷ particles/cm ³
Liquid conductivity	typically 0.2 S/m
Liquid flow rate (using waste system)	2 to 10 µL/min
Capillary liquid flow rate	Approx. 50 to 100 nL/min
Particle size range	<2 to >150 nm
Initial droplet diameter	130 to 180 nm
Voltage range	-0.5 to -3.5 kV (-1 to -2 kV typical)
Current range	0 to 2000 nA (200 to 500 nA typical)
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Description Electrospray Generator with soft X-ray neutralizer

Accessories (available seperately)

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3482-PCAP	3482 Chamber Setup Kit
3482-SPUMP	Syringe Pump
3482-SPUMP-ACC	1 mL Syringe with Connectors
482-SPUMP-ACC KIT	Syringe Pump and Accessory Ki
3482050	Model 3482 Accessory Kit
348002	Replacement Po-210 Aerosol
	Neutralizer for Model 3480
031535	3480 Maintenance Kit
036008	3480 Accessory Kit