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Moisture Analyzer Operation Manual

Please read and adhere to all recommendations in this manual to ensure the best experience and to maintain your Analyzer in good working order. The manual is for **SMA-100** moisture analyzer.

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1. Introduction

1.1. Safety Precautions

For safe and dependable operation of this Analyzer, please comply with the following safety precautions:



Use the Analyzer exclusively for determination of moisture in samples. Improper operation of the Analyzer can endanger personnel and cause property damage. If the Analyzer is used in a manner not specified in this manual, the protection provided may be impaired.



- Verify that the input voltage printed on the voltage identification label information and the plug type matches the local AC power supply.
- Make sure that the power cord does not pose any obstacle or tripping hazard.
- Do not operate the Analyzer in hazardous, wet or unstable environments.
- Disconnect the Analyzer from the power supply when cleaning the Analyzer.
- Ensure sufficient free space around the Analyzer as a safety zone. Allow at least 1 meter of free space above the Analyzer.
- The Analyzer must be operated only by trained personnel who are familiar with the properties of the samples being tested and with the equipment operation.
- Use appropriate personal safety equipment such as safety glasses, gloves, protective clothing and respirators.
- Do not make any modifications to the Analyzer.
- Service should be performed only by authorized personnel.

The Moisture Analyzer works with heat!



- Never place flammable materials on, below or next to the Analyzer.
- Use caution when removing a test sample. The sample, the sample chamber, the heating element and the surrounding areas may be very hot and can cause burns.

Some samples require special care!



- Should there be any uncertainty regarding the safety of a substance, perform a careful risk analysis. In such cases, never leave the Analyzer unattended.



- Fire or explosion: Substances which contain solvents or release flammable or explosive vapors when heated. With such samples, work at drying temperatures low enough to prevent the formation of flames or an explosion.
- Poisoning or burning: Substances which contain toxic or caustic components should only be dried in a fume hood.
- Corrosive: Substances which release corrosive vapors when heated should be tested in small amounts.

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Note: The user assumes responsibility for any damage caused by the use of these types of samples.

1.2. Technical parameter

The surrounding environmental conditions and technical parameters are effective in the following environments:

- Ambient temperature: 10 °C - 30 °C; it can be operated in the environment of 5 °C to 40 °C, and the test accuracy is not guaranteed in extreme temperature.
- Relative humidity: 15% - 80%, no condensation at 30 °C.
- Preheat time: wait for at least 30 minutes after the instrument is connected to the power supply. When it comes back from standby mode, the moisture rapid analyzer can be used immediately.
- Power Input: 200VAC-240VAC, 3A, 50Hz
- Voltage fluctuation: 220 ± 10%
- Power load: 250W (maximum power during heating)
- Protection: Protection from dust and dampness

1.3. Specifications:

Model	SMA-10A	SMA-50A-1	SMA-50A-5	SMA-100
Weighing Range	10g	50g	50g	100g
Readability	10mg	1mg	5mg	1mg
Repeatability (3g samples)	0.5%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%
Minimum Sample Amount	0.5g			
Advised Sample Amount	3-10g			
Heat up time	1-99 minutes, 1 minute interval			
Real-time Curve	Moisture%, Weight, Time			
Terminal Control	Timing/Automatic			
Heating Temperature	50-160°C, 1°C interval			
Display Content	Moisture%, Solid%, Weight, Temperature, Time, Drying mode, Real-time Curve			
Heating Source	Halogen Lamp			
Heating Time	30 minutes			
Drying Mode	Standard heating/Fast heating			
Calibration	Weighing (external weight calibration), Temperature (special temperature equipment, factory calibrated)			
Display	4.3-inch touch screen			
Output	USB port for USB drive, USB port for PC connection, Bluetooth for printer (Optional)			
Ambient Temp.	10-30°C			
Ambient Humidity	≤80%			
Pan Size	80mm			
Dimension/N.W.	210x340x180mm/3kg			

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2. Installation

2.1. Selecting the Location

- Operate the Analyzer on a firm, level surface.
- Select a location that is safe and with adequate ventilation. Fire, corrosive or toxic fumes and other hazards associated with the test samples will require specially prepared locations.
- Ensure that the location has easy access to the local AC power supply.
- Avoid locations with rapid temperature changes, excessive humidity, air currents, vibrations, electromagnetic fields heat or direct sunlight.

2.2. Installing Component

Install Pan Support, turn until it engages into position. Place a sample pan over the pan support.

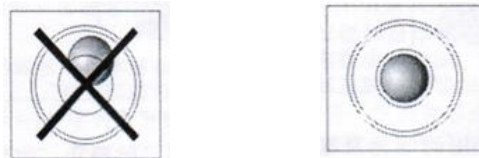
2.3. Connecting Power

Insert the correct end of the power cord into the power input slot on the back of the Analyzer and then connect the other end to the power output socket. In order to obtain the best test results, please allow the Analyzer to warm up for at least 30 minutes.

3. Operation

3.1. Regulation Level

The Analyzer is equipped with a level gauge and two horizontal adjusting feet to compensate for the slight unevenness on the weighing operation table and the effect on the weighing results. When the bubbles are placed in the center of the level gauge, the Analyzer is completely horizontal.



Note: Every time the position changes, the level must be readjusted.

3.2. Control Panel


Test Mode


Test Mode can be set up according to your own needs. the saved test mode can be used at any time.

Drying Mode: Standard (standard drying), Fast (fast drying)

Drying Temp: Drying temperature can be set according to your own needs.

Test End Method: Auto and Timing.

 Current temperature

 Real time curve

- Stability icon

Setup

Time: Time can be adjusted up or down by dragging the time number.

Unit: Weighing units: g, oz, ct, lb.

More: Screen Brightness, Standby Brightness, Standby Time and Mute Setting.

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Export: Insert a USB flash drive, select the file to be exported.

Temp Cal:

The temperature has been calibrated before leaving factory. If there is no professional equipment, please do not calibrate temperature by yourself. The temperature calibration is for external temperature calibration. There is a temperature difference between the temperature in the heating chamber and the temperature of the temperature probe. After calibration, the temperature in the chamber can be guaranteed to reach the set temperature value. If both temp. points are to be calibrated, wait until the temp. in the chamber is reduced to room temp. before starting.

GLP/GMP: Optionally fill in company name, department name and instrument ID.

Restore: If you want to restore factory settings, press Restore. Once the factory settings are restored, all saved data will be deleted. Please back up important data in advance.

View Click View to check the measured data.

Cal (Calibration) Put on a weight, the Analyzer will automatically calibrate.

Tare Press Tare to remove the weight of the weighing pan before weighing.

Start/Stop Start heating/Stop heating

4. How to make a moisture test

4.1. Set test mode

Press Test Mode→ press New→ Enter test mode name→ Press the new Name→ Press Drying Mode to select Standard or Fast→ Press Drying Temperature to set temperature→ Press Test End Method to set Auto or Timing

4.2. Testing

- Open heating cover (instrument cover), put the empty sample pan on the pan support, press Tare to remove the weight of the sample pan.
- Disperse the sample evenly on the sample pan (the sample >0.5g), and the display screen will show the weighing value of the sample.
- Close the heating cover (instrument cover). Select a test mode to press Use. Press Start to start test.
- After the test is completed, the test result will displayed on the screen.

Note: If heating cover is opened during the test, the Analyzer will stop heating immediately and return to weighing mode, and the test is invalid.

The Analyzer provides two modes:

- 1) Auto mode: The Analyzer will stop automatically when the sample weight loss is less than 1mg within 60 seconds.
- 2) Timing mode: Manually set the heating time. When Analyzer is heated to the set time, it will automatically stop heating, and the test is completed.

5. Test optimization

In the process of heating and drying, the weight loss of sample is used to determine the moisture content. The speed and quality in the measurement process can refer to the following parameters. The following parameters can also be determined by several trial tests. The best test results depend on the following settings.

5.1. Heating temperature

- The heating temperature controls the heating time. (e.g. too low temperature will prolong drying time)
- To select a suitable heating temperature, it is required that the chemical structure of the sample can neither be decomposed nor changed, and it is generally set at 105 °C, except for special requirements of the sample and industry.
- In this case, we can try to adjust the heating temperature to compensate the measurement deviation.

5.2. Sample Weight

The weight of the sample affects the test time and the repeatability of the results. The maximum weight of the sample is 50g. The heavier the sample is, the more water is evaporated and the longer the test time is. In general, it is recommended that the sample weight is 3g-10g, which can get faster results, but there is a lack of measurement accuracy. A sample of 20 g usually gives consistent results, but it takes longer time to test.

5.3 Sample Preparation

The sample should be representative in order to obtain accurate and reproducible measurement results. When preparing samples, ensure that the samples are evenly distributed on the sample tray to avoid accumulation and excessive quantity.

5.4. Types of Samples

- Pasty, fat containing, melting substances

Use a glass fiber sucker to increase the surface area of the sample, for example, butter. The water in these substances will be more evenly distributed through the sucker. Increasing the surface area of the sample will make the water evaporate more quickly and completely.

- Liquid substances

The liquid forms droplets on the sample pan, which prevents rapid drying. In this case, the glass fiber sucker can be used to evenly distribute the liquid sample in a larger surface area, which can shorten the drying time.

- Crusty, temperature sensitive substances

The sample with shell formed on the surface will completely hinder the test of moisture. In this case, the repeatability error of the sample can be improved by using glass fiber sucker and adopting a mild and appropriate heat.

- Sugar-containing substances

Samples containing a lot of sugar are easy to scorch. Please put the sample on the sample pan, evenly distribute it into a thin layer, and choose a moderate temperature. The glass fiber sucker can also be used to distribute the sample on the glass fiber sucker to improve the repeatability and accuracy of the test.

6. Troubleshooting

Failure	Possible Cause	Remedy
Cannot turn on	not connected to the power supply	Check connections and voltage
The right side of the display screen flashes "<0.5g"	The sample weighing value is less than 0.5g	Increase the amount of sample and press the test key to start the moisture test. Or directly press the test key to cancel the flashing and return to the weighing mode.
Door is open	The heating cover was not closed before the test	Close the heating cover or press the test key directly to cancel the flashing and return to the weighing mode.
Poor accuracy	Incorrect calibration	Carry out correct calibration and move the instrument to a stable position
	Unstable work environment	
Cannot calibrate	Incorrect calibration	Move the instrument to a stable position
	Incorrect calibrator	Use the correct calibrator

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No stable	Weighing instability	Waiting for stability
Range over	Overweight	Reduce weighing objects
No plate	Not put the pan on the pan support	Put the pan on the pan support
It's working	Testing in progress, no other operations can be performed.	Wait for the end of the test, and then press the other key
Error Door is open then exit	The heating cover is opened when test	Add samples again and make a test
The display screen doesn't show, and the buzzer beeps	The display screen is broken.	Please contact your local agent

7. Packing List

Moisture Analyzer, Pan (2pcs), Pan support, Pan pliers, Weight (10g/50g/100g) , Weight pliers, Power cord, PC connection cable, PC software, Manual