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WARNING

**THE TOXI3LTD® PERSONAL PORTABLE GAS DETECTORS
HAVE BEEN DESIGNED FOR THE DETECTION AND
MEASUREMENT OF POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS
ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS.**

**IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT THE USER IS PROPERLY
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Certifications

The Toxi3Ltd[®] carries the following certifications:

UL and c-UL, Class I, Division 1, Groups A,B,C,D, Temp Code T4.

UL Class II, Division 1, Groups E,F,G

ATEX Certification:

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Warnings and Cautions

A. Signal Words

The following signal words, as defined by ANSI Z535.4-1998, are used in the Toxi3Ltd Operator's Guide.

 DANGER indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

 WARNING indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

 CAUTION indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which if not avoided, may result in moderate or minor injury.

CAUTION used without the safety alert symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in property damage.

B. Warnings

1. **⚠️WARNING** The Toxi3Ltd personal, portable gas detectors have been designed for the detection of specific toxic gas accumulations. An alarm condition indicates the presence of a potentially life-threatening hazard and should be taken very seriously.
2. **⚠️WARNING** In the event of an alarm condition it is important to follow established procedures. The safest course of action is to immediately leave the affected area, and to return only after further testing determines that the area is once again safe for entry. Failure to immediately leave the area may result in serious injury or death.
3. **⚠️WARNING** The accuracy of Toxi3Ltd instruments should be checked periodically with known concentration calibration gas. Failure to check accuracy can lead to inaccurate and potentially dangerous readings.
4. **⚠️WARNING** A Toxi3Ltd that fails calibration may not be used until testing with known concentration test gas determines that accuracy has been restored, and the instrument is once again fit for use. An instrument that cannot be calibrated or is found to be out of tolerance must be replaced immediately.
5. **⚠️WARNING** Do not reset the calibration gas concentration setpoints in the Toxi3Ltd unless the concentrations of your calibration gas differ from the concentrations of the calibration gas that is normally supplied by Sperian Instrumentation for use in calibrating the Toxi3Ltd.
6. **⚠️WARNING** Use of non-standard calibration gas and/or calibration kit components when calibrating the Toxi3Ltd can lead to dangerously inaccurate readings and may void the standard Sperian Instrumentation warranty.
Sperian Instrumentation offers calibration kits and long-lasting cylinders of test gas specifically developed for easy calibration. Customers are strongly urged to use only Sperian calibration materials when calibrating the Toxi3Ltd.
7. **⚠️WARNING** Substitution of components may impair intrinsic safety.
8. **⚠️WARNING** For safety reasons the Toxi3Ltd must be operated by qualified personnel only. Read, understand and follow the directions set forth in this reference manual before operating the Toxi3Ltd.
9. **⚠️WARNING** The Toxi3Ltd has been tested for intrinsic safety in Explosive Gas/AIR (max. 21.0% O₂).
10. **⚠️WARNING** Do not open the Toxi3Ltd. There are no user serviceable parts inside of the instrument.

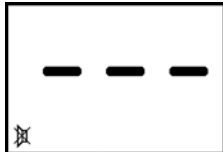
1. Overview

The Toxi3Ltd is a single sensor gas detector that is designed to detect either carbon monoxide (CO) or hydrogen sulfide (H₂S). The Toxi3Ltd's sensor type is shown on the front of the instrument and is also shown on the display during the startup sequence.

Toxi3Ltd detectors are disposable instruments that are designed to operate for 3 full years from the date of activation. Upon delivery, the screen of the Toxi3Ltd will be blank except for the negated horn icon.



If the "must be activated by date" has passed and the instrument has activated itself, the instrument will show three lines on the screen with the negated horn icon.



Contact Sperian Instrumentation or your distributor if three lines are displayed when you first receive the instrument.

The Toxi3Ltd is delivered with a pre-installed lithium thionyl chloride (LiSOCl₂) battery capable of powering the instrument for the full 3 years of the instrument's operating life. After the 3-year instrument life cycle is up, the instrument will turn itself off.

1.1 Methods of sampling

The Toxi3Ltd may be used in diffusion mode, or with the manual sample draw kit that is available separately. In either mode, the atmosphere must reach the sensor for the instrument to register a reading. In diffusion mode, the atmosphere reaches the sensor by diffusing through the sensor port on the front of the instrument. Normal air movements are enough to carry the sample to the sensor. During remote sampling, the gas sample is drawn into the sensor compartment through the probe assembly and a length of tubing.

See section 2.6 for more details on sampling the atmosphere.

1.2 Sensors

The Toxi3Ltd use an electrochemical toxic gas sensor that has been designed to minimize the effects of common interfering gases. These sensors provide accurate, dependable readings for gases commonly encountered in industrial applications.

1.2.1 Sensor ranges and resolutions.

Sensor	Range	Resolution
CO	0-1000 PPM	5 PPM
H ₂ S	0 -200 PPM	2 PPM

1.2.2 Missing sensor during startup

If the Toxi3Ltd fails to detect the sensor during startup, it will show "F 1" with the caution symbol following the software version screen at startup. This is covered in greater detail in section 2.1.3.

1.3 Alarm logic

1.3.1 Gas alarms

When an alarm set point is exceeded a loud audible alarm sounds, the bright red LED alarm light flashes and the display will indicate whether it is a warning alarm or a more serious danger alarm. If the Toxi3Ltd is equipped with the optional vibrating alarm, it will also be activated during an alarm condition.

Toxi3Ltd instruments have two ascending alarm set points. The lower alarm set point is the warning alarm, while the higher alarm set point is the danger alarm.

Sensor	Warning Alarm	Danger Alarm
CO	35 PPM	100 PPM
H ₂ S	10 PPM	20 PPM

Default Warning and Danger Alarm Settings

⚠️WARNING In the event of an alarm condition it is important to follow established procedures. The safest course of action is to immediately leave the affected area, and to return only after further testing determines that the area is once again safe for entry. Failure to immediately leave the area may result in serious injury or death.

1.3.2 Calibration due notices

The Toxi3Ltd includes calibration due notices that are displayed when the instrument is due for calibration.

For more information on the calibration due notices, see section 2.3 below.

1.3.3 Low battery alarms

The battery in the Toxi3Ltd is designed to power the instrument for a three full years from the date it is turned on. In the unlikely event that the battery runs out of power prior to the completion of the 3-year operational lifespan, the Toxi3Ltd includes two battery warning alarms that are activated when the battery voltage is reduced to specific levels.

For more details on the battery alarm, see section 2.4 below.

1.4 Design components

Case: The instrument is enclosed in a solid PC (polycarbonate) case with TPE (rubber) overmold.

Front face: The front face of the instrument houses the LCD display, MODE button, sensor port, LED and audible alarm port.

LCD display: The liquid crystal display (LCD) displays gas readings, messages and other information.

Visual alarm (LED) / IrDA port: A bright red LED (Light-Emitting Diode) alarm light provides a visual indication of the alarm state. The LED also functions as the IrDA port.

MODE button: The large push-button on the front of the instrument is called the MODE button. The MODE button is used to turn the Toxi3Ltd on and off, to view the MAX screen and to initiate the automatic calibration sequence.

Sensor port: The sensor port is located at the upper left corner of the instrument. A filter prevents unwanted contaminants from entering the sensor.

Audible alarm orifice: A cylindrical resonating chamber contains the loud audible alarm.

Bottom surface: The belt clip attaches to the bottom surface of the instrument.

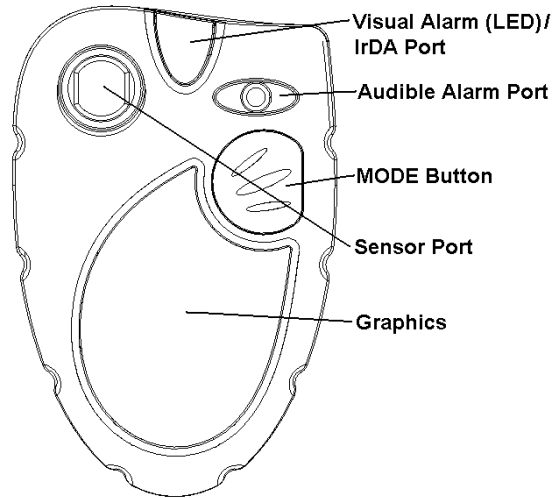


Figure 1.5 Exterior front view.

1.5 Standard accessories

Standard accessories with every Toxi3Ltd include installed sensor and battery, reference manual, quick reference card and calibration/sample draw adapter.

1.6 Value pack kits

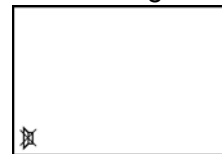
Toxi3Ltd value packs include all standard accessories, calibration fittings, 34-liter cylinder of calibration gas, and fixed flow rate regulator in a foam-lined, hard-shell carrying case.

2. Field Operation

Field operation of the Toxi3Ltd is controlled entirely through the MODE button, which is located on the front of the instrument. The MODE button is used to turn the Toxi3Ltd on and off (if desired), to access MAX gas readings for the current session and to initiate the fresh air/zero and span calibration sequences.

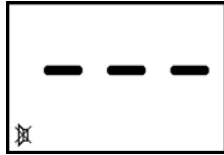
2.1 Turning the Toxi3Ltd on

The Toxi3Ltd is effectively disabled when it leaves the Sperian Instrumentation Factory. Upon arrival, the screen will be blank other than the negated horn icon.



Note: If the Toxi3Ltd arrives with three lines showing on the screen, it is an indication that the “must be activated by date” has passed and the instrument has already turned itself on. Contact Sperian Instrumentation

or your distributor for further instructions.



The Toxi3Ltd is a disposable instrument. Once activated, it will operate continuously for 36 months. In the unlikely event that the battery runs out of power prior to the completion of the 3-year operating cycle, the Toxi3Ltd must be returned to Sperian Instrumentation or an authorized service center for the installation of a new battery.

⚠️WARNING Do not open the Toxi3Ltd. There are no user serviceable parts inside of the instrument.

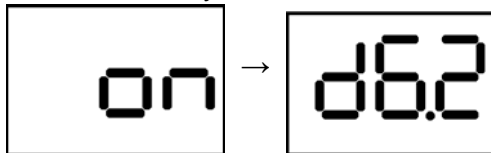
To initialize the Toxi3Ltd press and hold the MODE button for 5 seconds until the instrument chirps, then release the MODE button. The Toxi3Ltd does not require a warm up period. Upon arrival, press and hold the MODE button for 5 seconds. The Toxi3Ltd will immediately proceed to the start-up sequence.

2.1.3 Start up sequence

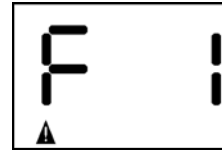
During the start-up sequence, the instrument performs an electronic self test that will take approximately 30 seconds to complete. During the self-test sequence, the audible alarm will “chirp” and all sections of the display will be lit.



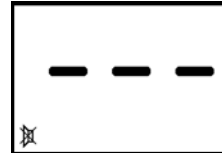
The Toxi3Ltd will then display the “on” screen followed by software version.



If the sensor has become disconnected or removed from the instrument during shipping, the screen will show “F 1” with the caution symbol following the software version screen.



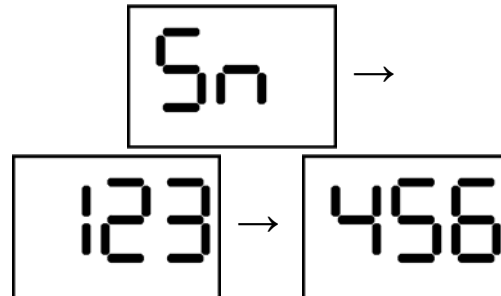
If “F 1” is shown, the instrument will automatically shut down and show three lines on the screen.



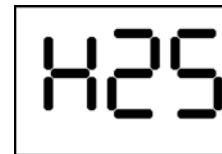
If “F 1” is shown and the Toxi3Ltd shuts itself down, contact Sperian Instrumentation or you local distributor for further information.

See section 2.7 below for a full list of Toxi3Ltd error messages.

Once the sensor is recognized, the serial number screens will be shown. Note that the 6 digit is shown on two screens. In this case, the instrument serial number is 123456.



The Toxi3Ltd will then show the sensor type.



During the display of the warning alarm level, the LED alarm light will flash twice and the audible warning alarm will sound twice. The audible warning alarm is slow and warbling.



During the display of the danger alarm level, the LED visual alarm will flash twice and the audible danger alarm will sound twice. The audible danger alarm is louder and a higher frequency than the warning alarm.

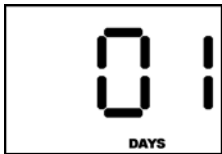


Following the danger alarm level, the Toxi3Ltd will begin standard operation and will display the number of months remaining in the 36-month lifecycle of the instrument. During an alarm condition, the instrument will display the current gas reading.

For the first full month of use following initialization the display will show 35 full months remaining.



Once the instrument determines that there are 90 days of operation remaining, the instrument will indicate 90 days and proceed to count the days down until the instrument reaches 0 days and turns itself off.

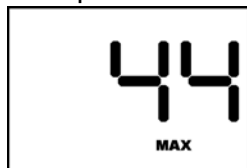


2.2 Functions

As stated above, the Toxi3Ltd will show the amount of time remaining in the product's lifecycle during normal operation unless there is an alarm present. The Toxi3Ltd will display gas readings while it is in alarm.

2.2.1 View max gas readings

From the months remaining or the current gas readings screen, press the MODE button once to view the MAX gas values screen. The MAX figure represents the highest gas value reading that has been recorded by the instrument during the current operating session or during the last 24 hours of operation.



Note: To reset the max readings level, fresh air/zero calibrate the instrument as discussed in section 3.4.

The MAX screen will be shown for 5 seconds. The instrument will then automatically return to the months or days remaining screen (unless an alarm condition is present).

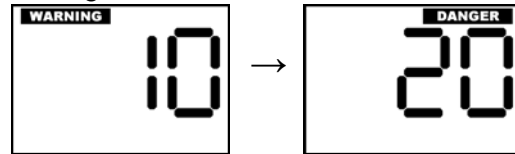


2.2.2 View gas alarm levels

To view the current gas alarm levels, from the current gas reading screen, press and hold the MODE button for about 5 seconds until the display test screen is showed.



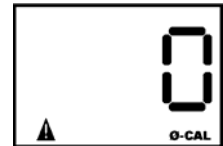
Release the MODE button. The software will proceed through the software version and serial number screens before showing the alarm levels.



The instrument will then return to normal operation and display the months remaining screen.

2.3 Calibration due notices

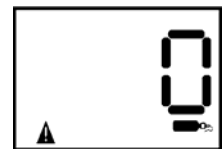
When the Toxi3Ltd is due for fresh air calibration "0-CAL" will be displayed at the bottom of the current gas readings screen along with the warning symbol.



When the ToxiPro is due for a bump test the calibration bottle icon will be displayed at the bottom of the current gas readings screen.



When the ToxiPro is due for span calibration the calibration bottle icon will be displayed at the bottom of the current gas readings screen along with the warning symbol.



The default fresh air/zero calibration interval for the Toxi3Ltd with instrument firmware version d6.2 is thirty days.

Different versions of software may have different calibration intervals.

2.4 Low battery alarms

When the Toxi3Ltd determines that there are less than 7 days of battery life remaining, the battery icon will be lit.

Note that “MONTHS” or “DAYS” and the number of months or days of operating life remaining are still shown when the battery icon is lit.

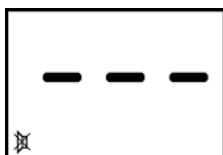


When the Toxi3Ltd determines that there are less than 8 hours of battery life remaining, the battery icon and the triangular warning symbol on the LCD will be shown. At this point the audible alarm will begin to chirp once per minute.

When the battery reaches a level where it can no longer power the instrument, the Toxi3Ltd will sound the high/danger audible alarm while displaying OFF with the danger, caution and battery icons.



Press MODE to turn the instrument off. If the MODE button is not pressed, the instrument will remain in alarm for as long as it can before shutting itself down. The following screen will be shown after the instrument is shut down.

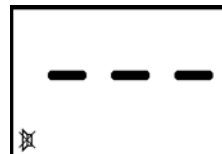


In the event that the instrument actually shuts itself down due to low battery levels, it will automatically launch the IrDA connection subroutine so that data in the instrument may be downloaded to BioTrak.

2.5 Turning the Toxi3Ltd off

To turn the Toxi3Ltd off, press and hold the MODE button. After 5 seconds, the instrument will light up all segments on the display. After 3 more seconds, the display will show “IrDA”. Continue to hold the MODE button for an additional 15

seconds after “IrDA” is shown. The following screen will be shown after the instrument is shut down.



Note: Turning the Toxi3Ltd off will have no effect on the operational life of the instrument. The Toxi3Ltd will operate for 36 months from the activation date regardless of whether the instrument is turned on or off.

2.6 Sampling

The Toxi3Ltd may be used in either diffusion or sample-draw mode. In either mode, the gas sample must enter the sensor compartment for the instrument to register a gas reading.

In diffusion mode, the atmosphere reaches the sensor by diffusing through the sensor port on the front of the instrument. Normal air movements are enough to carry the sample to the sensor. The sensor reacts quickly to changes in the concentration of the gas being measured.

It is also possible to use the Toxi3Ltd to sample remote locations with the hand-aspirated sample-draw kit that is available separately. During remote sampling, the gas sample is drawn into the sensor compartment through the probe assembly and a length of tubing.

2.6.1 Sample draw kit usage

1. Connect the shorter piece of hose from the squeeze bulb to the sample draw adapter. Connect the longer end of the hose to the sample probe.
2. Attach the sample draw adapter to the Toxi3Ltd.
3. Cover the end of the sample draw probe assembly with a finger, and squeeze the aspirator bulb. If there are no leaks in the sample draw kit components, the bulb should stay deflated for a few seconds.
4. Insert the end of the sample probe into the location to be sampled.
5. Squeeze the aspirator bulb several times to draw the sample from the remote location to the sensor compartment. Allow one squeeze of

the bulb for every one foot of sampling hose for the sample to reach the sensors. Then continue to squeeze the bulb for an additional 45 seconds or until readings stabilize.

6. Note the gas measurement readings.

CAUTION: Hand aspirated remote sampling only provides continuous gas readings for the area in which the probe is located when the bulb is being continuously squeezed.

Note: Each time a reading is desired, it is necessary to squeeze the bulb a sufficient number of times to bring a fresh sample to the sensor compartment and to then continue squeezing the bulb for an additional 45 seconds or until readings stabilize.

2.7 Error Messages

The Toxi3Ltd microprocessor monitors the instrument continuously. When a problem is found the Toxi3Ltd will show an error message.

Error #	Detail
F 1	No Sensor Installed
F 2	Bad Unit data read from flash / Unit will re-initialize
F 3	Bad Sensor data read from flash / Sensor data will re-initialize
F 4	Bad Flash memory erase / Unit turns off and will not turn back on again
F 5	Bad Flash memory write
F 6	No vibrator installed / Vibrator installed and not working
F 7	ToxiPro only bad software installed
F 8	Bad battery voltage entered during battery calibration

If an error message is shown, stop using the detector and contact Sperian Instrumentation or you local distributor for further information.

3. Calibration

The Toxi3Ltd features fully automated calibration functions. The MODE button is used to initiate the automatic calibration sequence. Calibration adjustments are made automatically by the instrument.

3.1 Verification of accuracy

Sperian Instrumentation recommends regular verification of accuracy for all of our gas detection products in order to maximize worker safety. For a discussion of Sperian Instrumentation's Calibration Recommendations, see Appendix C.

Verification of accuracy is a two-step procedure for the Toxi3Ltd.

Step one is to take the Toxi3Ltd to an area where the atmosphere is known to be fresh and perform a fresh air/zero calibration as discussed below in section 3.4. The fresh air/zero calibration takes less than ten seconds to perform and does not require an external gas source when it is performed in a fresh air environment.

Step two is to test sensor response by exposing the sensor to a test gas of known concentration. This is known as a functional (bump) test. Readings are considered to be accurate when the display is between 90%* and 120% of the expected values as given on the calibration gas cylinder. If readings are accurate, there is no need to adjust your gas detector. See section 3.5 for further details concerning the functional/bump test.

If the readings are inaccurate, the instrument must be span calibrated before further use as discussed in section 3.6.

*** The Canadian Standards Association (CSA) requires the instrument to undergo calibration when the displayed value during a bump test fails to fall between 100% and 120% of the expected value for the gas.**

⚠WARNING Accuracy of Toxi3Ltd instruments should be checked periodically with known concentration calibration gas. Failure to check accuracy can lead to inaccurate and potentially dangerous readings.

See Appendix C for a discussion of calibration frequency.

3.2 Effect of contaminants on Toxi3Ltd sensors

The atmosphere in which the Toxi3Ltd is used can have lasting effects on the sensors. Sensors may suffer losses in sensitivity leading to degraded performance if exposed to certain substances. The conditions that affect the accuracy of the sensors vary from one type of sensor to the next.

3.2.1 Effects of contaminants on toxic gas sensors

Sperian Instrumentation's "substance-specific" electrochemical sensors have been carefully designed to minimize the effects of common interfering gases. "Substance-specific" sensors are designed to respond only to the gases that they are supposed to measure. The higher the specificity of the sensor, the less likely the sensor will react to other gases, which may be incidentally present in the environment. For instance, a "substance-specific" carbon monoxide sensor is deliberately designed not to respond to other gases that may be present at the same time, such as hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) and methane (CH₄).

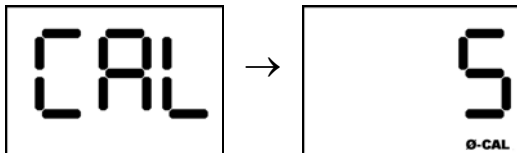
Although great care has been taken to reduce cross-sensitivity, some interfering gases may still have an effect on toxic sensor readings. In some cases the interference may be positive and result in readings that are higher than actual. In other cases the interference may be negative and produce readings that are lower than actual and may even cause the instrument to display negative readings for the target gas.

See Appendix A for cross-sensitivity data.

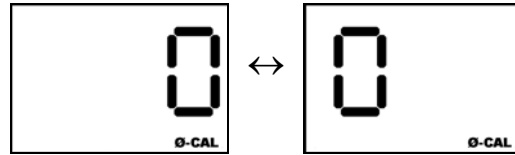
3.4 Fresh air/zero calibration

To initiate the fresh air/zero calibration procedure:

1. From the current gas reading screen, press the MODE button three times within two seconds. The Toxi3Ltd will briefly display "CAL" and then begin a 5-second countdown with the 0-CAL icon lit.



2. Press the MODE button before the end of the 5-second countdown to begin the fresh air/zero calibration. The fresh air/zero calibration has been successfully initiated when the Toxi3Ltd alternates between the following two screens:



3. The fresh air/zero calibration is complete when the instrument begins another 5-second countdown for the span calibration. If span calibration is not required, allow the countdown to reach 0 without pressing the MODE button.

Note: The maximum reading value (MAX) will be automatically reset following a successful fresh air/zero calibration.

!WARNING Fresh air/zero calibrations may only be performed in an atmosphere that is known to contain 20.9% oxygen and 0 PPM toxic gas. Performing fresh air/zero calibrations in an atmosphere that is not comprised of 20.9% oxygen and 0 PPM toxic gas may lead to inaccurate and potentially dangerous readings.

3.5 Functional (bump) testing for Toxi3Ltd

The accuracy of the Toxi3Ltd may be verified at any time by a simple functional (bump) test.

To perform a functional (bump) test, do the following:

1. Turn the Toxi3Ltd on and wait at least three minutes to allow the readings to fully stabilize.
2. Make sure the instrument is located in fresh air.
3. Perform a fresh air/zero calibration as discussed in section 3.4 and allow the instrument to return to the current gas readings screen.
4. Apply the calibration gas as shown below in figure 3.5.

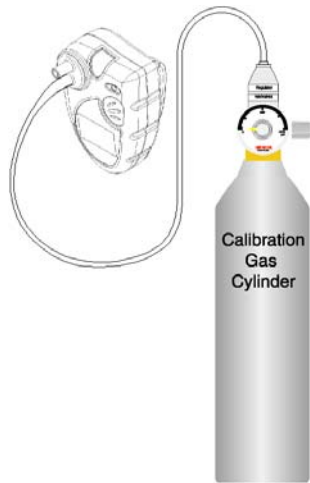


Figure 3.5: Bump-test/span calibration set-up for the Toxi3Ltd.

5. Wait for the readings to stabilize. Forty-five seconds to one minute is usually sufficient.
6. Note the readings. Readings are considered accurate if they are between 90%* and 120% of the expected value. If the readings are considered accurate, then the instrument may be used without further adjustment. If readings are considered inaccurate, the instrument must be adjusted using the “span” calibration procedures discussed in section 3.6 before further use.

***The Canadian Standards Association (CSA) considers bump test readings accurate when the displayed values fall between 100% and 120% of the expected value for the gas. To meet the CSA requirement, an instrument must undergo calibration when the displayed value during a bump test fails to fall between 100% and 120% of the expected value for the gas.**

3.6 Span Calibration for Toxi3Ltd

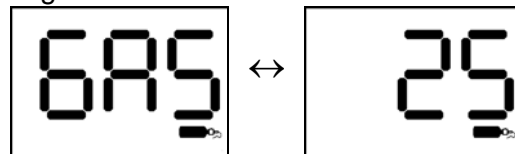
Span calibration should be performed when a functional (bump) test has shown that the instrument’s gas readings are not between 90%* and 120% of the expected values as given on the calibration gas cylinder (as discussed in section 3.5).

*To meet the CSA requirement, an instrument must undergo calibration when the displayed value during a bump test fails to fall between 100% and 120% of the expected value for the gas.

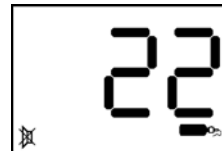
Prior to performing a span calibration, perform a fresh air/zero calibration as discussed in section 3.4. After successful completion of the fresh air/zero calibration, the instrument will begin a second five-second countdown with the calibration gas bottle icon highlighted.



1. Press the MODE button before the countdown is complete to initiate the span calibration. The display will alternate between “GAS” and the expected concentration of calibration gas.



2. Apply calibration gas as shown above in figure 3.5. Once calibration gas is detected, the readout will change to show the gas reading. Note that the negated horn symbol is shown to indicate that the alarms are not operating because the instrument is in calibration mode.



3. The calibration is fully automatic from this point on. Once the instrument successfully completes the span calibration, it will emit three short beeps and display the maximum span calibration adjustment value for two seconds.



Note: The maximum span calibration adjustment value shown is an indication of the relative health of the sensor. As a sensor loses sensitivity, the maximum adjustment level will approach the calibration gas concentration, letting you know when the sensor is losing sensitivity.

- The instrument will then return to normal operation.

Note: Once the calibration cycle is completed, the Toxi3Ltd automatically returns to normal operation and the gas alarms may be activated. Disconnect the calibration assembly immediately after calibration.

⚠WARNING Use of non-standard calibration gas and/or calibration kit components when calibrating the Toxi3Ltd can lead to inaccurate and potentially dangerous readings, and may void the standard Sperian Instrumentation warranty.

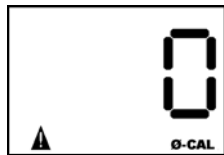
3.7 Failure to calibrate

3.7.1 Fresh air/zero calibration failure

In the event of fresh air/zero calibration failure, the “no” and “CAL” screens will be alternately displayed as shown below with the “0-CAL” segment lit. The instrument will then return to the gas reading screen.



Following a fresh air/zero calibration failure, the triangular warning symbol and “0-CAL” indicator will remain lit until a successful fresh air/zero calibration is performed.



3.7.1.1 Reason for fresh air/zero calibration failures

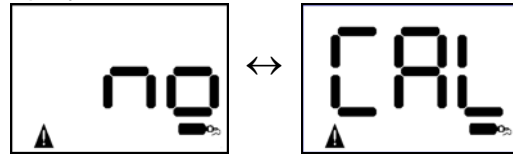
Fresh air/zero calibration failures often result from the attempt to calibrate the instrument in a contaminated atmosphere. Fresh air/zero calibration failures can also result from sensor failures.

3.7.2 Span calibration failure

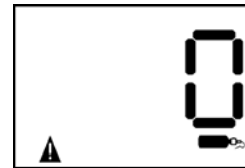
The Toxi3Ltd is designed to recognize two distinct types of span calibration failure: failures that occur due to sensor response outside the sensor’s normal range for calibration and failures that occur when the instrument fails to recognize any calibration gas whatsoever.

3.7.2.1 Sensor out of range (no CAL)

If the instrument recognizes calibration gas, but the sensor response is not within the range to calibrate the instrument, span calibration will fail and the “no” and “CAL” screens will be alternately displayed.

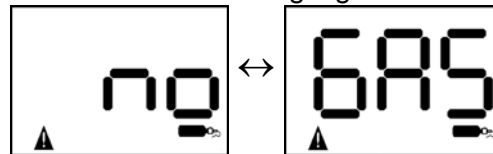


After displaying “no” and “CAL” three times, the instrument will return to the current gas readings screen and the warning symbol and the calibration bottle icon will be shown, which signifies that the instrument failed the last attempt to span calibrate.

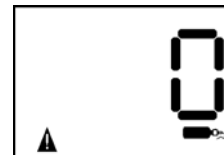


3.7.2.2 No gas

In the case of a span calibration failure in which calibration gas is not detected, the “no” and “GAS” screens will be alternately displayed as shown below with the calibration bottle icon highlighted.



When the instrument returns to the current gas readings screen, the warning symbol and the calibration bottle icon will be shown, which signifies that the instrument failed the last attempt to span calibrate.



3.7.2.3 Causes for span cal failure

Span calibration failures can be caused by the following:

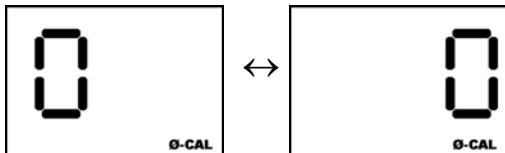
- Expired calibration gas.
- Calibration gas whose concentration fails to match the concentration expected by the instrument.

- Inappropriate regulator. The Toxi3Ltd must be calibrated using a 1.0 liter/minute fixed flow regulator.
- Sensor failure.

3.7.3 Forced fresh air/zero calibration

If a fresh air/zero calibration fails in an atmosphere known to be fresh, the Toxi3Ltd can be forced to fresh air calibrate as follows.

- Follow instructions 1 and 2 in section 3.4 to begin the fresh air/zero calibration sequence.
- As soon as the alternating right and left 0's are shown on the screen, press and hold the MODE button.



- The forced fresh air/zero calibration is complete when the instrument emits three short beeps. The instrument will then move on to the span calibration procedure.

⚠WARNING Performing the forced fresh air/zero calibration in a contaminated atmosphere may lead to inaccurate and potentially dangerous readings.

3.8 Fresh air/zero calibration in a contaminated atmosphere

To perform the fresh air/zero calibration in a contaminated atmosphere, it is necessary to use special calibration gas, whose composition is identical to that of fresh air. Sperian Instrumentation offers the "Zero Air" calibration gas cylinder as part number 54-9039, which contains 0 PPM toxic gas and 20.9% oxygen.

- Apply "Zero Air" calibration gas to the instrument as shown above in figure 3.5 for at least 15 seconds or until the readings fully stabilize.
- Perform the fresh air/zero calibration procedure as described in section 3.4.
- Once the fresh air/zero calibration is complete, disconnect the calibration assembly and move on to the span calibration if necessary as described in section 3.6.

4. Event logging

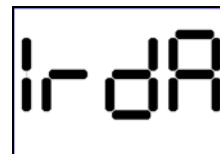
Each Toxi3Ltd includes a built-in event logger that stores instrument readings and other data whenever a reading exceeds a pre-set alarm point.

Incident information can be extracted through a PC with BioTrak software and a functioning IrDA port. The Toxi3Ltd may also be returned to Sperian Instrumentation to have the information extracted.

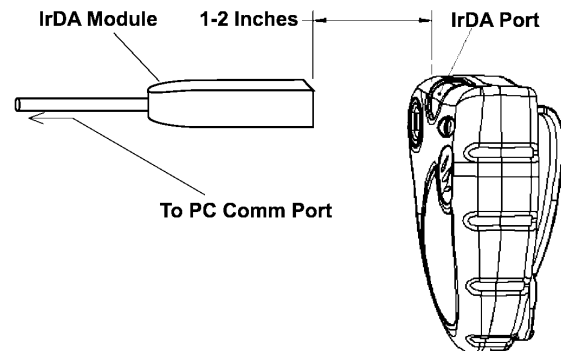
If you need to return the instrument to Sperian Instrumentation, call Sperian's Technical Service Department for a Return Authorization (RA#) prior to shipping the instrument.

4.1 Initiating communications

To initiate communications, simply hold the MODE button as if you are turning the instrument off. The Toxi3Ltd will briefly light all segments in the display after about 5 seconds. Continue to hold the MODE button for an additional 2-3 seconds until the "IrdA" screen is shown and the LED/IrDA port blinks. Then release the MODE button.



Align the infrared port at the top front of the Toxi3Ltd with the PC's infrared port and proceed with the download. The Toxi3Ltd should be located 1-2" (2.5-5cm) from the IrDA Port.



Position of IrDA Module and Toxi3Ltd During download.

If 30 seconds pass and the Toxi3Ltd has not detected an infrared interface, it will return to normal operation.

Appendices

Appendix A: Sensor Cross-Sensitivity Chart

The table below provides the cross-sensitivity response of the Toxi3Ltd toxic gas sensors to common interference gases. The values are Toxi3Ltd as a percentage of the primary sensitivity or the reading of the sensor when exposed to 100ppm of the interfering gas at 20°C. These values are approximate. The actual values depend on the age and condition of the sensor. Sensors should always be calibrated to the primary gas type. Cross-sensitive gases should not be used as sensor calibration surrogates without the written consent of Sperian Instrumentation.

SENSOR	CO	H ₂ S	SO ₂	NO	NO ₂	Cl ₂	ClO ₂	H ₂	HCN	HCl	NH ₃	C ₂ H ₄	C ₂ H ₂
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	100	10	5	10	-15	-5	-15	50	15	3	0	75	250
Hydrogen Sulfide (H ₂ S)	0.5	100	20	2	-20	-20	-60	0.2	0	0	0	n/d	n/d

n/d = no data, (+) undetermined positive, (-) undetermined negative

Appendix B: Default toxic sensor calibration gas settings

Toxi3Ltd Part Number	Description	Default Calibration Gas Setting	Calibration Gas Part Number	
			58 or 103 Liter	34 Liter
54-52-01	CO Carbon monoxide	50 PPM CO	54-9033	54-9036
54-52-02	H ₂ S Hydrogen sulfide	25 PPM H ₂ S	54-9034	54-9057

Appendix C: Calibration Frequency

One of the most common questions that we are asked at Sperian Instrumentation is: **“How often should I calibrate my gas detector?”**

Sensor Reliability and Accuracy

Today's sensors are designed to provide years of reliable service. In fact, many sensors are designed so that with normal use they will only lose 5% of their sensitivity per year or 10% over a two-year period. Given this, it should be possible to use a sensor for up to two full years without significant loss of sensitivity.

Verification of Accuracy

With so many reasons why a sensor can lose sensitivity and given the fact that dependable sensors can be key to survival in a hazardous environment, frequent verification of sensor performance is paramount.

There is only one sure way to verify that a sensor can respond to the gas for which it is designed. That is to expose it to a known concentration of target gas and compare the reading with the concentration of the gas. This is referred to as a “bump” test. This test is very simple and takes only a few seconds to accomplish. **The safest course of action is to do a “bump” test prior to each day's use.** It is not necessary to make a calibration adjustment if the readings fall between 90%* and 120% of the expected value. As an example, if a CO sensor is checked using a gas concentration of 50 PPM it is not necessary to perform a calibration unless the readings are either below 45 PPM or above 60 PPM.

***The Canadian Standards Association (CSA) requires the instrument to undergo calibration when the displayed value during a bump test fails to fall between 100% and 120% of the expected value for the gas.**

Lengthening the Intervals between Verification of Accuracy

We are often asked whether there are any circumstances in which the period between accuracy checks may be lengthened.

Sperian Instrumentation is not the only manufacturer to be asked this question! One of the professional organizations to which Sperian Instrumentation belongs is the Industrial Safety Equipment Association (ISEA). The “Instrument Products” group of this organization has been very active in developing a protocol to clarify the minimum conditions under which the interval between accuracy checks may be lengthened.

A number of leading gas detection equipment manufacturers have participated in the development of the ISEA guidelines concerning calibration frequency. Sperian Instrumentation's procedures closely follow these guidelines.

If your operating procedures do not permit daily checking of the sensors, Sperian Instrumentation recommends the following procedure to establish a safe and prudent accuracy check schedule for your Sperian instruments:

1. During a period of initial use of at least 10 days in the intended atmosphere, check the sensor response daily to be sure there is nothing in the atmosphere that is poisoning the sensor(s). The period of initial use must be of sufficient duration to ensure that the sensors are exposed to all conditions that might have an adverse effect on the sensors.
2. If these tests demonstrate that it is not necessary to make adjustments, the time between checks may be lengthened. The interval between accuracy checking should not exceed 30 days.
3. When the interval has been extended the toxic and combustible gas sensors should be replaced immediately upon warranty expiration. This will minimize the risk of failure during the interval between sensor checks.
4. The history of the instrument response between verifications should be kept. Any conditions, incidents, experiences, or exposure to contaminants that might have an adverse effect on the calibration state of the sensors should trigger

immediate re-verification of accuracy before further use.

5. Any changes in the environment in which the instrument is being used, or changes in the work that is being performed, should trigger a resumption of daily checking.
6. If there is any doubt at any time as to the accuracy of the sensors, verify the accuracy of the sensors by exposing them to known concentration test gas before further use.

Gas detectors used for the detection of oxygen deficiencies, flammable gases and vapors, or toxic contaminants must be maintained and operated properly to do the job they were designed to do. Always follow the guidelines provided by the manufacturer for any gas detection equipment you use!

If there is any doubt regarding your gas detector's accuracy, do an accuracy check! All it takes is a few moments to verify whether or not your instruments are safe to use.

One Button Auto Calibration

While it is only necessary to do a “bump” test to ensure that the sensors are working properly, all current Sperian gas detectors offer a one-button auto calibration feature. This feature allows you to calibrate a Sperian gas detector in about the same time as it takes to complete a “bump” test. The use of automatic bump test and calibration stations can further simplify the tasks, while automatically maintaining records.

Don't take a chance with your life. Verify accuracy frequently!

Please read also Sperian Instrumentation's application note: AN20010808 “Use of ‘equivalent’ calibration gas mixtures”. This application note provides procedures to ensure safe calibration of LEL sensors that are subject to silicone poisoning.

Sperian Instrumentation's website is located at

<http://www.biosystems.com>

Sperian Instrumentation Warranty Gas Detection Products

General

Sperian Protection Instrumentation, LLC (hereafter Sperian) warrants gas detectors, sensors and accessories manufactured and sold by Sperian, to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for the periods listed in the tables below.

Damages to any Sperian products that result from abuse, alteration, power fluctuations including surges and lightning strikes, incorrect voltage settings, incorrect batteries, or repair procedures not made in accordance with the Instrument's Reference Manual are not covered by the Sperian warranty.

The obligation of Sperian under this warranty is limited to the repair or replacement of components deemed by the Sperian Instrument Service Department to have been defective under the scope of this standard warranty. To receive consideration for warranty repair or replacement procedures, products must be returned with transportation and shipping charges prepaid to Sperian at its manufacturing location in Middletown, Connecticut, or to a Sperian Authorized Warranty Service Center. It is necessary to obtain a return authorization number from Sperian prior to shipment.

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Instrument & Accessory Warranty Periods

Product(s)	Warranty Period
PhD ⁵ , PhD Lite, PhD Plus, PhD Ultra, Cannonball3, MultiVision, Toxi, Toxi/Oxy Plus, Toxi/Oxy Ultra, ToxiVision, Ex Chek	As long as the instrument is in service
ToxiPro [®] , MultiPro	2 years from date of purchase
ToxiLtd [®]	2 years after activation or 2 years after the "Must Be Activated By" date, whichever comes first
Toxi3Ltd [®]	3 years after activation or 3 years after the "Must Be Activated By" date, whichever comes first
Mighty-Tox	90 days after activation or 90 days after the "Must Be Activated By" date, whichever comes first
Mighty-Tox 2 Prorated credit is given towards repair or purchase of a new unit of the same type.	0 – 6 months of use 100% credit 6 – 12 months of use 75% credit 12 – 18 months of use 50% credit 18 – 24 months of use 25% credit
IQ Systems, Series 3000, Airpanel, Travelpanel, ZoneGuard, Gas✓Chek1 and Gas✓Chek4	One year from the date of purchase
Battery packs and chargers, sampling pumps and other components, which by their design are consumed or depleted during normal operation, or which may require periodic replacement	One year from the date of purchase

Sensor Warranty Periods

Instrument(s)	Sensor Type(s)	Warranty Period
PhD Plus, PhD Ultra, PhD ⁵ , PhD Lite, Cannonball3, MultiVision, MultiPro, ToxiVision, ToxiPro [®] , Ex Chek	O ₂ , LEL**, CO, CO+, H ₂ S & Duo-Tox	2 Years
	All Other Sensors	1 Year
Toxi, Toxi/Oxy Plus, Toxi/Oxy Ultra	CO, CO+, H ₂ S	2 Years
	All Other Sensors	1 Year
All Others	All Sensors	1 Year

** Damage to combustible gas sensors by acute or chronic exposure to known sensor poisons such as volatile lead (aviation gasoline additive), hydride gases such as phosphine, and volatile silicone gases emitted from silicone caulks/sealants, silicone rubber molded products, laboratory glassware greases, spray lubricants, heat transfer fluids, waxes & polishing compounds (neat or spray aerosols), mold release agents for plastics injection molding operations, waterproofing formulations, vinyl & leather preservatives, and hand lotions which may contain ingredients listed as cyclomethicone, dimethicone and polymethicone (at the discretion of Sperian's Instrument Service department) void Sperian Instrumentation's Standard Warranty as it applies to the replacement of combustible gas sensors.