# *LOI Limiting Oxygen Index Analyzer*

# INSTRUCTION MANUAL



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# **GENERAL EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS**

This page is a record of your equipment specifications. This information is found on the stamped nameplate of your instrument. Please fill in the blanks below when you receive your Dynisco unit.

When contacting the sales or service department to order parts or obtain information, refer to this page. This will allow us to respond quickly and accurately to your request.

MODEL NO.

SERIAL NO.

WIRING DIAGRAM (See drawings at back of manual)

MAIN FUSE\_\_\_\_\_Amperes

SINGLE PHASE \_\_\_\_\_\_Volts AC

MODEL LOI

TYPE Limiting Oxygen Index Analyzer

# Dynisco Polymer Test - Product Warranty

Dynisco Polymer Test warrants to the original buyer only, that all products and services furnished hereunder shall be free from defects in material and workmanship. This warranty is subject to the following terms and conditions.

- This warranty shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year from date of start-up or fifteen (15) months from date of shipment whichever is earlier; provided however that notice of any such defect is reported to Dynisco Polymer Test within thirty (30) days following its discovery.
- 2. Parts that normally contact the material under test shall have a warranty period of three (3) months from start-up or five (5) months from date of shipment whichever comes first; provided however that notice of any such defect is reported to Dynisco Polymer Test within then (10) days following its discovery.
- 3. This warranty not applicable to the fiber optic image bundle. This item to be warranted for thirty days, and not to exceed the OEM warranty.
- 4. The start-up date for parts sold as "spare parts" will be considered the date of shipment for purposes of this warrantee only.
- 5. Consumables such as heat elements, light sources, infrared sources, printer ribbons and the like shall be considered expendable and will only be warranted to be functional at time of shipment.
- 6. In the event any material or workmanship shall be determined defective by Dynisco Polymer Test, Dynisco Polymer Test's liability hereunder is limited to the repair or replacement, at Dynisco Polymer Test's option, of the defective part. Dynisco Polymer Test shall have NO liability for the costs of removing, returning, or reinstalling any repaired or replaced part or component.
- 7. Dynisco Polymer Test shall have no liability whatsoever for any defects which directly or indirectly arise out of or result from accident, abuse, improper use, vandalism, unauthorized repairs, or similar deviations from normal use under Dynisco Polymer Test control.
- 8. This warranty shall be void and of no effect if the products covered hereby are:
  - A. Installed or moved and reinstalled without the presence of Dynisco Polymer Test's personnel at start-up.
  - B. Not maintained in strict accordance with Dynisco Polymer Test's published maintenance procedures.
  - C. Altered or modified in any way without Dynisco Polymer Test's authorization.

Except as provided above, Dynisco Polymer Test makes no other warranties, expressed or implied, including without limitation, warranties of merchantability, or of fitness for a particular purpose.

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### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The LIMITING OXYGEN INDEX CHAMBER is a precision instrument for determining the relative flammability of various materials by measuring the minimum concentration of oxygen required to support combustion. As with all precision measurement devices, the accuracy of its performance is highly dependent on proper use and maintenance.

Please read this manual thoroughly before proceeding with the installation and operation of the instrument.

#### 2.0 INSTALLATION

#### 2.1 Additional Equipment Required

- -- Commercial grade or better oxygen supply cylinder.
- -- Commercial grade or better nitrogen supply cylinder.
- -- Two stage oxygen pressure regulator (Matheson #9-540 or equivalent).
- -- Two stage nitrogen pressure regulator (Matheson #9-580 or equivalent).
- -- Timer capable of indicating at least 10 minutes and accurate to 5 seconds.

#### 2.3 LOI Set-up

The **LOI** Tester should be located in a fume hood or near a room exhaust system, depending on the type of ventilation appropriate for the materials to be tested.

# Compliance with all applicable safety, health and environmental regulations is the responsibility of the user.

2.2.1. Fit the oxygen and nitrogen supply cylinders with the two stage pressure regulators and connect them to the appropriate LOI supply hoses.

2.2.2. Fill the brass container inside the glass chimney with glass beads, cover with the wire screen and replace the container over the gas dispersion chamber.

#### **3.0 OPERATION**

#### 3.1 Summary of Method

The minimum concentration of oxygen in a mixture of oxygen and nitrogen that will just support combustion is measured under equilibrium conditions of candle-like burning. The equilibrium is established by the relation between the heat generated from the combustion of the specimen and the heat lost to the surroundings as measured by one or the other of two arbitrary criteria, a time of burning or a length of specimen burned. This point is approached from both sides of the critical oxygen concentration in order to establish the oxygen index.

#### 3.2 Specimen Selection and Preparation

# Note: This is a general guideline. Refer to A.S.T.M. D 2863-77, ISO.DP.4589, and/or your company manual for complete instructions.

**3.2.1.** Determine the appropriate specimen size from Table 1 (see next page for Table 1) and cut 5 to 10 samples from the material to be tested. The edges of the specimens should be relatively smooth and free from fuzz or burrs.

#### Table I Specimen Dimensions. mm

Туре	Plastic's Form	Wi	idth	Thickness	Length
Α	Physically self supporting	6.5	+/-0.5	3.0 +/- 0.5	70 to 150
В	Alternate for self-supporting	6.5	+/-0.5	2.0 +/-0.25	70 to 150
	flexible plastics				
С	Cellular plastic	12.5	+/-0.5	12.5 +/-0.5	125 to 150
D	Film or Thin Sheet	52	+/- 0.5	As recieved	140 +/-5

#### 3.3 Test Procedure

3.3.1. With the rotameter valves closed, turn on the gas cylinders. Open the rotameter valves and adjust the two gas cylinders so that they have equal incoming pressures of less than 100 psi while maintaining sufficient pressure to allow the rotameter to be adjusted to the highest level desired. Close the rotameter valves. Caution: The rotameter valves are precision made and may be damaged if over-tightened.

**3.3.2.** Remove the glass column and clamp a specimen in the specimen holder. Replace the column. The specimen should be in a vertical position with its top edge at least 100 mm below the top of the glass column.

3.3.3. Select the desired initial concentration of oxygen, if known. If the desired initial concentration is unknown for the material being tested it may be determined as follows: Light the specimen in air and note the burning. If the specimen burns readily select an oxygen concentration below 22%. If it burns with difficulty, or burns briefly and then stops, select an oxygen concentration between 22% and 27%. If the specimen will not burn in air, the initial concentration should be 28% or higher.

**3.3.4.** Set the flow valves so that the initial concentration of oxygen is flowing through the column at a rate of 4 cm/s. Allow the gas to flow for 30 seconds to purge the system.

**3.3.5.** Turn off the ventilating hood and ignite the entire top of the specimen. When the specimen is well lighted, remove the ignition flame and start timing the burn.

**3.3.6.** Judge the burn according to the burn criteria in Table 2 (see next page for Table 2). Do not adjust the oxygen concentration after the specimen has been ignited.

#### Table 2. Criteria For Burning.

Specimen Type	Criteria For Burning
A and B	At Least 3 Minutes or 50 mm
С	At Least 3 Minutes or 75 mm
D	Past the 100 reference mark

3.3.7. If sufficient material is left on the current specimen invert it and/or trim off the burned portion and re-insert it, otherwise insert a new specimen. Repeat steps 3.3.4 through 3.3.6 using a **REDUCED** concentration of oxygen if the previous burn met or exceeded the criteria, or an **INCREASED** oxygen concentration if the specimen extinguished before meeting the criteria.

**3.3.8.** Continue repeating steps 3.3.4 through 3.3.7 until the critical concentration of oxygen is determined. This is the lowest oxygen concentration that will meet the criterion of Table 2. At the next lower concentration that will give a difference in oxygen index in oxygen index of 0.2% or less the criterion should not be met.

3.3.9. Repeat the test at least three times at different flow rates within the 3 to 5cm limits.

# 4.0 CALCULATIONS

4.1 Calculate the oxygen index, n, of the material as follows:  $n,\% = (100 \ge 0.2) / (O_2 + N_2)$ 

Where:

 $O_2 = Volumetric flow of oxygen, cm^3/s, at the concentration determined in 3.3.8, and N_2 = Corresponding volumetric flow rate of nitrogen, cm^3/s.$ 

### 5.0 REPORT

5.1 The report shall include the following:

1. A description of the material tested including the Type, Density, General Direction of Anisotropy (for Type C Specimens), Source, Manufacturer's Code Number, Form, Previous History, and Conditioning (if any).

2. Test specimen dimensions.

3. Individual Oxygen Index values found for each of the tests and Average Oxygen Index value.

4. Description of any unusual behavior such as charring, dripping, bending, etc.

5. The following caveat in its entirety:

This standard should be used to measure and describe the properties of materials, products or assemblies in response to heat and flame under controlled laboratory conditions and should not be used to describe or appraise the fire hazard or fire risk of materials, products or assemblies under actual fire conditions. However, results of this test may be used as elements of a fire risk assessment which takes into account all of the factors which are pertinent to an assessment of the fire hazard of a particular end use.

# **APPENDIX A**

#### **Optional Smoke Density Measurement System.**

The optional Smoke Density Measurement System consists of a Smoke Density Stack and a Control Console with Strip-chart recorder. The Stack contains a light source, photo-electric sensor and baffle system to eliminate stray light.

#### A.1. Set-up.

A.1.1. Position the Stack on top of the glass test column of the LOI and connect it to the Control Console by means of the keyed connector.

A.1.2. Plug the Control Console power cord into an appropriate power source.

#### A.2. Operation.

A.2.1. Remove, clean and replace the two glass plates protecting the light source and photoelectric cell respectively. NOTE: These protective glass plates must be cleaned before each test. This device must never be operated without these glass plates.

A.2.2. Turn on the control console and test the recorder.

A.2.3. Adjust the sensitivity control until the recorder stylus is at the top of the scale (100mm) on the strip chart. This represents 100% transmission of light.

A.2.4. Block the light source so that no light is being transmitted to the photo-electric cell and observe that the recorder stylus is at 0mm, representing 0% transmission.

#### 21 DEGREES C

#### FLOWMETER SETTING GUIDE

DXYGEN FLOWMETER S/N 0791-01

NITROBEN FLOWMETER S/N 0591-07

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50		118.5	6840	59.5		147.0	8550	73.0	3		10250	1	50
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For Reference Only!

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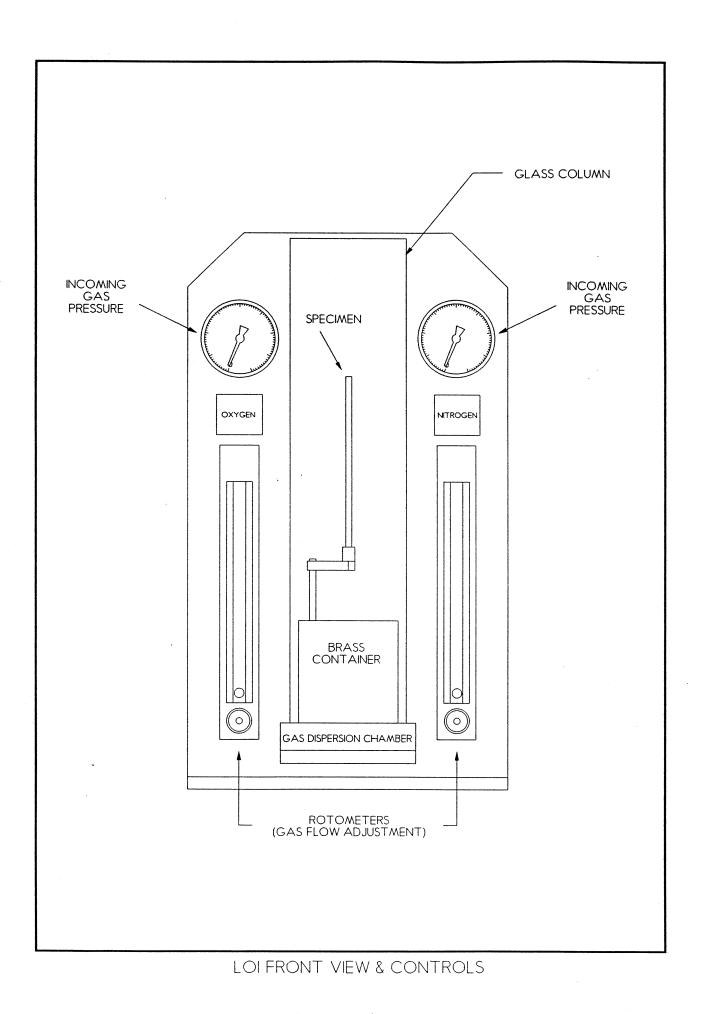
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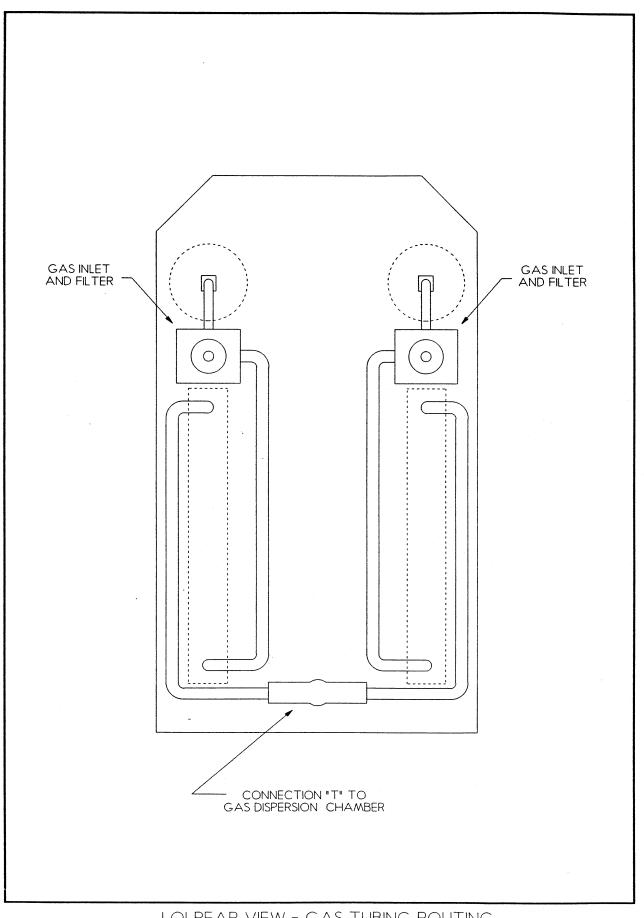
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J3/P3	CONNECTOR, 5 CONTACTS	ALL MODELS	13-1981-00
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