



## **GasCheck 5000is User Manual V1.5**



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### **Gas Check 5000is**

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EN 50081-1 EMC Emissions - light industrial


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
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EN50020    Electrical equipment for use in potentially explosive atmospheres

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**The 5000is version of this instrument is manufactured to intrinsically safe standards which are maintained and monitored by BASEEFA.**

# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Scope and definitions

This manual provides installation, operation and maintenance instructions for the Gas Check 5000is. You must use the Gas Check as specified in this manual.

Read this manual before you install and operate the Gas Check. Important safety information is highlighted as WARNING and CAUTION instructions; you must obey these instructions. The use of WARNINGS and CAUTIONS is defined below.

<p><b>WARNING</b></p> <p>Warnings are given where failure to observe the instruction could result in injury or death to people.</p>
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<p><b>CAUTION</b></p> <p>Cautions are given where failure to observe the instruction could result in damage to the equipment, associated equipment and process.</p>
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The units of measurement used throughout this manual conform to the SI international system of units of measurement

## 1.2 Description

Refer to Figure 1. The Gas Check is a portable, battery-powered, hand-held gas leak detector. Indications of a leak are shown on the digital display (2) and are also given by a front panel mounted LED flasher (3) and as audible clicks from the rear panel loud speaker (6).

- The Gas Check 5000is is intrinsically safe and is suitable for leak detection of hydrogen and other flammable gases, and for leak detection in hazardous areas of EEx ia IIC T4 rating.

The Gas Check has a convenient storage and carrying case, together with a spare battery holder, a long flexible probe (for leak detection in areas where access is restricted) and a box-spanner for probe changing.

## 1.3 Principal of operation

When the Gas Check is switched on, a small internal fan draws gas samples through the probe and into the Gas Check. The Gas Check measures the thermal conductivity of the gas samples.

When you first switch on the Gas Check (using the power I/O key) or when you press the zero key :

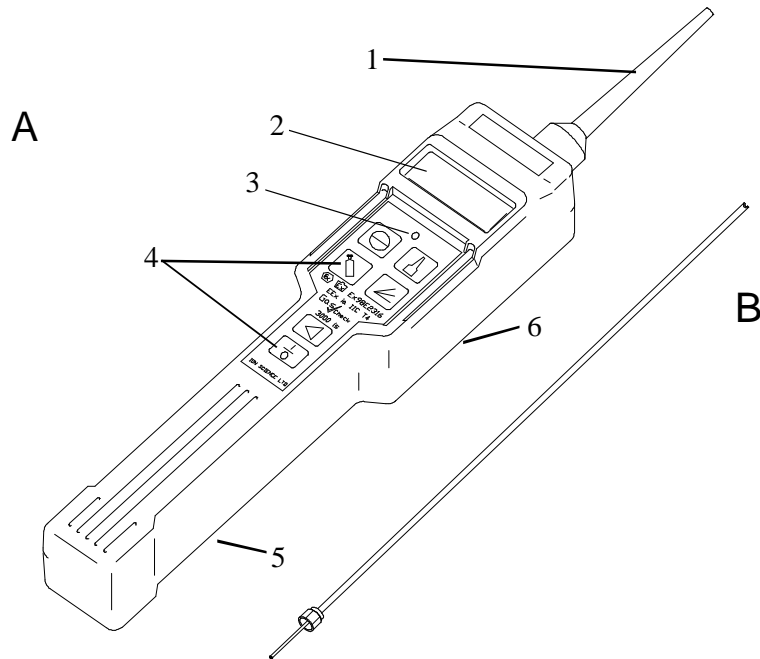


see Section 4.1), the Gas Check zeros the leak rate display. If further samples have a different thermal conductivity from the zeroed sample, the Gas Check calculates and displays the difference as a leak rate. This means that you can use the Gas Check to detect any gas other than that in which the Gas Check is zeroed.

## 1.4 Applications

You can use the Gas Check on many types of applications, including those listed below.

- Quality assurance testing on manufactured component seals.
- Laboratory applications, such as the detection of leaks from gas chromatographs, from mass spectrometers, from gas cylinders and fittings.
- Industrial applications, such as the detection of leaks from gas installations, in cylinder receiving rooms, from pipeline assemblies, the detection of leaks from stored gases and the detection of vapours released from stored chemicals.
- Medical applications, such as the detection of leaks from anaesthetic gas bottles and pipelines and leak testing of membrane materials, glove boxes and so forth.
- Valve emission evaluation to EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) method 2.1
- Leak testing of pipeline joints, gaskets, chamber windows and so forth



A Gas Check with short probe and nozzle fitted

B Long probe

1 Nozzle

4 Tactile keys

2 Display

5 Battery compartment

3 LED flasher

6 Loudspeaker

Figure 1 – The Gas Check 5000is

## 2 TECHNICAL DATA

### 2.1 General

Operating temperature range

Gas Check 5000is      0 to 40 °C      32 to 104 °F.

Storage temperature range

-25 to 70 °C      -13 to 158 °F.

Materials of construction

Storage case      Polypropylene with polyester foam insert  
Gas Check      Polyurethane casing with a metal bracket

Dimensions

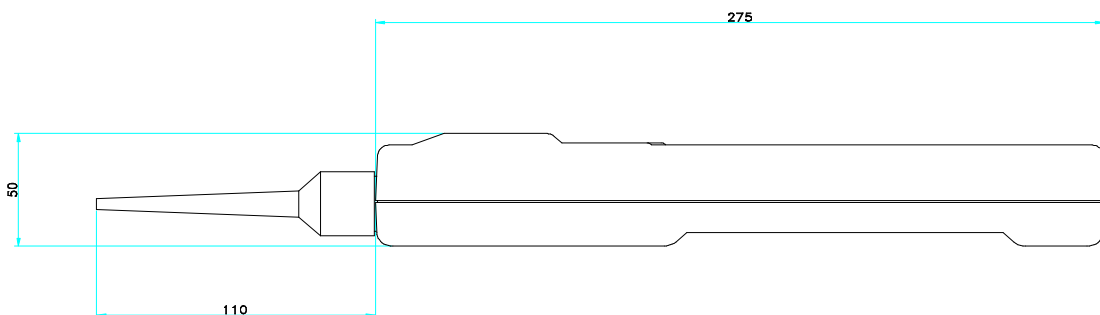
Storage case      420 x 320 x 97 mm      16.5" x 12.5" x 3.75"  
Gas Check      see Figure 2

Mass

Complete storage case      1.6 kg      3.5 lb.  
Gas Check      0.5 kg      1.0 lb.

Ingress ratings

Minimum      IP20



\* Length of short probe and nozzle. Length of long probe = 300 mm (12")

Figure 2 – Dimensions (mm)



## 2.2 Performance

**Detector type** Dual micro-volume thermal conductivity cell

**Gases Detected:**

All gases and vapours having a different thermal conductivity to the ambient air on which it was zeroed. The larger the difference the greater the sensitivity, so that Gas Check is not highly sensitive to the gases normally found in large concentrations in the ambient air, e.g. N<sub>2</sub> (nitrogen) and O<sub>2</sub> (oxygen).

For ease of use the Gas Check groups gases having similar thermal conductivity into one of the 5 gas groups shown in Table 1. Each group has a calibration curve stored in memory. Although the Gas Check will detect ALL gases with a different thermal conductivity to air, Table 1 lists those 12 common tracer gases that have been tested and assigned gas groups. If the gas or gas mixture that you seek is not included in these groups, select group 0 (which is the most sensitive). The Gas Check will then still find leaks quickly even though the measured values will not be displayed accurately. Some gases give a negative response.

### Minimum response time

Short probe fitted	Less than 1 second
Long probe fitted	About 9 seconds

**Recovery time** About 1 second

**Maximum detection level with the short probe and nozzle fitted** 20 ml/sec

**Data logging RTC** This is a nominal device for convenience and can be reset by a user if more accurate timings are required. While Gas Check 5000is operation does not depend on the RTC it has been tested for compliance with Y2K.

**Minimum detection levels**

see Table 1

The nozzle when fitted provides automatic 10-fold dilution of the gas stream entering the Gas Check TCD, except when the ppm display is selected. The Gas Check nozzle should always be removed for assessing gas concentration levels in volume spaces smaller than about 1 litre when you are using the ppm display.

Note1: the minimum detection levels given in Table 1 apply when the Gas Check is used in clean laboratory air conditions. When used in conditions where the ambient atmosphere contains clouds of the gas for which you leak test, the minimum detection levels may be obscured.

Note2: An offset of up to 10 times the detection levels given in Table 1 may be experienced in the presence of electromagnetic interference @ 320 +- 30 MHz at the levels specified in EN 50082-1.

**Table 1- Smallest Leak Detection Levels**

Gas	Gas Group	Positive/Negative	Smallest Leak Detection Level in ml/sec
<b>H<sub>2</sub></b>	0	Positive	1.5x 10 <sup>-5</sup> ml/sec
<b>He</b>	0	Positive	2.0 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> ml/sec
<b>R12</b>	1	Negative	5.4 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> ml/sec
<b>R1301</b>	1	Positive	4.9 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> ml/sec
<b>R134a</b>	1	Negative	2.1 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> ml/sec
<b>R22</b>	1	Negative	5.1 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> ml/sec
<b>SF<sub>6</sub></b>	1	Negative	4.4 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> ml/sec
<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	2	Negative	8.0 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> ml/sec
<b>CH<sub>4</sub></b>	2	Positive	5.8 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> ml/sec
<b>Ar</b>	2	Negative	7.0 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> ml/sec
<b>R11</b>	3	Positive	6.3 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> ml/sec
<b>O<sub>2</sub></b>	4	Positive	5.7 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> ml/sec

## 2.3 Battery data

### WARNING

#### For Gas Check 5000is

**Do not** modify the Gas Check 5000is equipment to allow any recharging.

For intrinsic safety T4 rating in the Gas Check 5000is

Rechargeable batteries (e.g. Ni-Cad) must not be used.

There is no provision for the recharging of batteries within the Gas Check 5000is.

For alkaline types (MN1500 or LR6) type use only Duracell (Standard, Procell or Ultra) or Ever Ready (Energiser) batteries. Alternatively use any zinc carbon types R6PP or R6S

Number of batteries required	4
Battery type	Alkaline, size AA
Recommended batteries	LR6 (R6) or MN1500
Average operating life	see Table 2

Note1: the energy storage capacity of batteries and even their T4 intrinsic safety rating is affected by ambient temperature. The data in Table 2 is for an ambient temperature of 20 °C (68 °F).

Note2: the use of the back light and the IR Data Port will dramatically shorten the battery life.

Battery type	Battery life (hours)
	Gas Check 5000is
LR6 (R6) *	20
MN1500 *	20
R6S	10
R6PP	10

- Recommended battery types

**Table 2 – Average battery life**

### 3 INSTALLATION

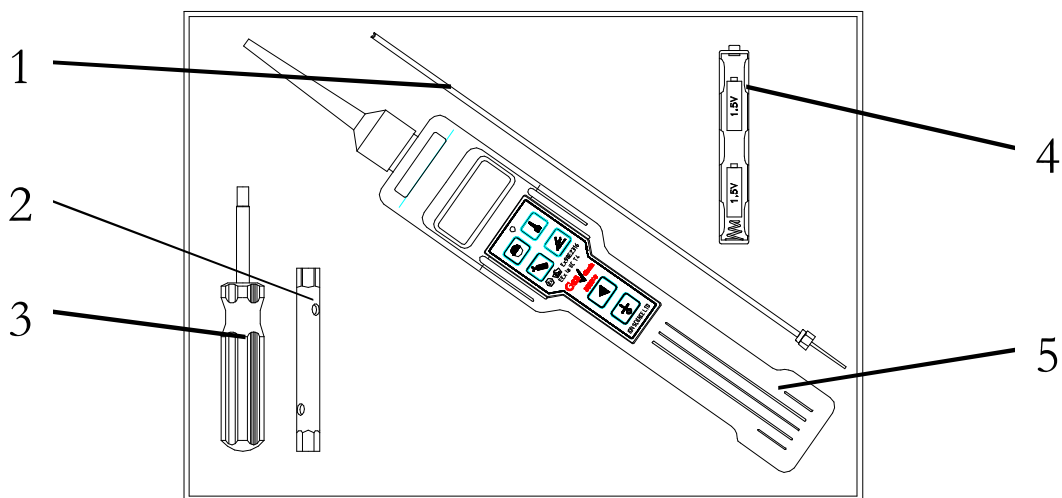
Remove all packaging materials, then open the storage case and inspect the equipment. If the storage case or any other item is damaged, notify your supplier and the carrier in writing within three days; state the Item Number and the Serial Number stamped on rear case of the Gas Check (refer to Figure 6), together with your order number and your supplier's invoice number. Do not attempt to use the Gas Check if any item is damaged.

The batteries if provided are shipped in the spare battery clip and not inside the GasCheck instrument itself.

Refer to Figure 3 and check that the storage case contains the items listed in Table 3. If any item is missing, notify your supplier in writing within three days.

Qty	Description	Check ( )
1	Gas Check (with short probe and nozzle fitted)	
1	Long probe	
1	Box-spanner	
1	Special screwdriver for access to battery compartment	
1	Spare battery holder with 4 batteries	

**Table 3 – Checklist of items in the storage case**



- |    |                     |    |  |
|----|---------------------|----|--|
| 1. | Long probe          | 4. | Spare battery holder                           |
| 2. | Box-spanner         | 5. | Gas Check (with short probe and nozzle fitted) |
| 3. | Special screwdriver |    |  |

Figure 3 – Items in the storage case

## 4 OPERATION

Gas Check 5000is both have menu keys for user accessible settings. However normal use of the Gas Check would not involve any menus, because these are only needed to set up the instrument for your application, after which the instrument stores the settings internally when the instrument is switched off.

The display of information on the Gas Check 5000is depends on whether the instrument has been keyed into the set up menus or is simply being used for leak detection. The Gas Check 5000is menu displays utilise 3 lines of information while the normal display uses 2 or 3 lines; in each case the lowest line is for status information while the upper line(s) show(s) the menu topics or the leak rate values.

You may like to gain some confidence in the operation by simply using the control keys as in section 4.1.1 although if it has not yet been used you should carefully fit the battery clip in accordance with section 5.2.

Please take note of the warnings and cautions when fitting batteries or when in potentially hazardous areas.

### 4.1 Controls

In normal use there is only one key to press, beyond the power ON/OFF control, and that is the ZERO key.

Refer to Figure 4. Use the control keys as described below. The complete menu structure, which you can access with menu key (3), is described in section 4.1.3. The display symbols are described in Section 4.2.2.

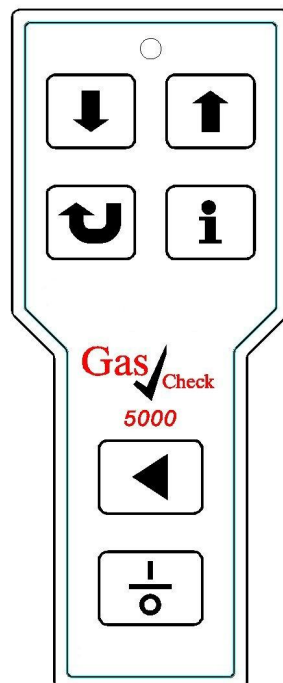


Figure 4 – Control Keys

## Control keys

### POWER I/O



Press this key to switch the Gas Check POWER on for use. When this key is pressed from normal display, Gas Check will turn its POWER off, remembering all last settings (except back light reverts to OFF state). When in menus, pressing this key brings Gas Check straight back into the normal display WITHOUT any of the settings changes being implemented.

### ZERO/BACK



Just press zero to adjust for background levels, reset the peak hold memory or after changing a gas group. In menus, successive presses of this key provides a simple step by step route BACK to the normal display.

### PROCEED



Press the proceed key to reach the menus that allow you to control special settings of the Gas Check 5000is.

### DOWN



Press or hold the Down key to scroll up through menus or to raise a numerical value. Release when desired.

### UP



Press or hold the Up key to scroll down through menus or to lower a numerical value. Release when desired.

### INFO




Press the Info key to start data logging as per the parameters last set via the data control menu as described in section 4.1.2.

## Menu topics and corresponding displays

The first pressing of the PROCEED key switches the display into the Gas Check 5000is menus. These menus are shown by the relevant menu topic on the top line and the available choice and the current settings on the middle and bottom display lines. The UP and DOWN keys scroll round the menu choices. Some of the menus show a tick or cross at the right hand side to indicate the current settings or choices.

The PROCEED key selects the current topic, and in some menus pressing this will change the tick for a cross or a cross for a tick and also alter the instrument running status symbols displayed on the lowest line. This has been found to help customers readily understand the menu selection for new instrument settings.

Basic Display Details:

Top Line:	Name of Menu or Topic		Back
Middle Line:	Operation. Keys	Currently user adjustable	
Bottom Line:	Instrument running status	or Current Setting of Topic	

Where the menu structure has an underlying sub-menu structure for settings, the bottom line is blanked.

## Main menu

ABC	Automatic Background Compensation (not normally used)
Alarm Level	Setting for the Audible/Visual Alarm
Audio	Mute the leak rate Audible/Visual
Backlight	Controls for the Back light display
Clock	Data logging clock functions
Data Control	Functions for data control including download via IR Link
Display	Bar graph or numeric display functions
Gas Group	Choice of Gas Group or named Gases
Language	Specialist option instead of English etc.
Nozzle	Switch for whether nozzle is fitted or not, for leak rate calibration purposes
Peak Hold	Switch for storing maximum reading on display between each zero key press
Power off	Controls whether or not Gas Check shuts down automatically after fixed time
Program	Specialist functions to set up Gas Check 5000is via IR Link and software
Range	Autoranging or fixed range displays
Units	Leak rate units

At this level the following key functions are available

Select the subsequent topic from the main menu by the PROCEED key. 

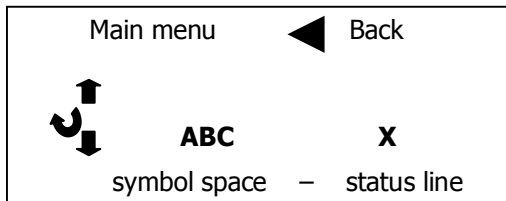
Leave the menu and go back to normal operation by the Zero/Back key 

Scroll through the menu by use of the up and down keys.

Escape back to the normal display without implementing any menu changes by pressing the 1/0 key once.

## ABC

Display:



The X indicates that it hasn't been selected – The status line doesn't have the < symbol. If the Proceed key is pressed then the X turns to a ✓ and the < symbol appears on the status line. Press Proceed to reverse.

## Alarm Level

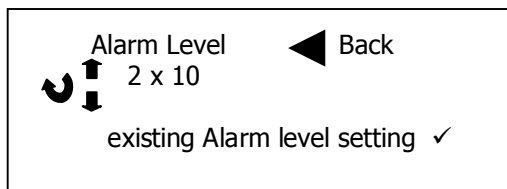
The alarm level format is in the same style as the display type (see below for display style options). The alarm level is linked to gas group setting such that if the Gas Group changes the alarm is not set, the



status symbol is removed from the display, although the last alarm level value is retained for reconfirmation. This is to ensure the Gas Check avoids incorrect alarm levels on a Gas Group change.

Press ↻ to jump down into Alarm Level setting.

Display:



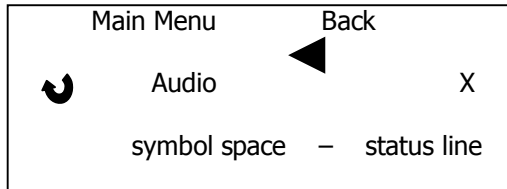
Note: When the alarm is set to maximum, the alarm function is disabled and the Main menu Alarm level display will show Not set and no bell will shown once the Gas Check is put back in the normal display.



## Audio

When the audio feature is selected, the tick frequency of the Audio and Visual indicators is linked to the size of the leak rate displayed; when Audio is not selected there is no link.


Display



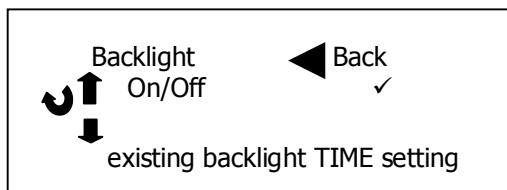
The X indicates that it hasn't been selected – The status bar doesn't have the < symbol. If Proceed key is pressed then the X turns to a ✓ and the loudspeaker symbol is placed down onto the third row.

## Backlight

The backlight control allows the user to switch on the backlight or select a TIME setting.

Press  to jump down into Backlight setting and then the PROCEED key or the UP and DOWN keys.

Display:

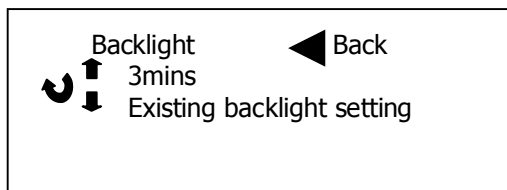


Status shown ✓ will put the Backlight ON


If the scroll up or down keys are used from this start point, then the following options are shown:-

20s    1min    3min    10min    30min

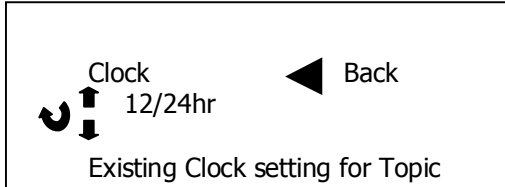
Note: If time displayed = the existing backlight time then a ✓ is shown at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> row, else a X .



## Clock

Press  to jump down into Clock setting.

Display:



Note: No X or ✓ at this level because we are not at the end of the tree. The full clock settings are shown.

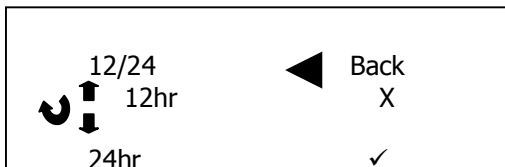
Operation of the up or down keys give access to the other topics at this level.

Date format  
Set time  
Set date

The following frames show the CLOCK sub-menus accessed by the  key.

### Clock - 12/24hr

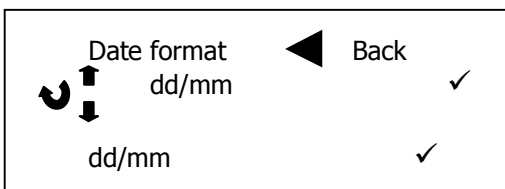
Display



Note: X because 12hr not selected but a ✓ always in the bottom row to show that this is currently selected.

### Clock - Date Format

Display



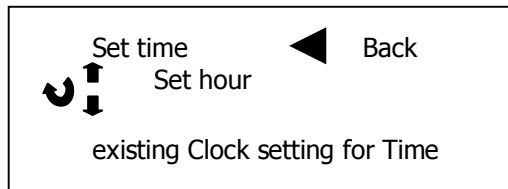
Note: Both ✓ in this example because of the same setting. This also denotes the end of the tree.

Other option within this topic is:-

mm/dd

## Clock - Set Time


Display



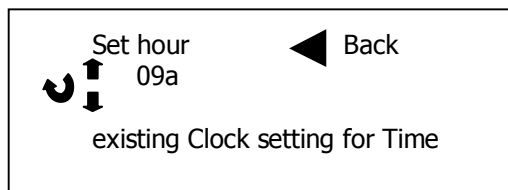
Other options within this topic are

Set min  
Synch RTC

## Clock - Set Time - Set hour

A press on the  takes us down into this next level. Use UP and DOWN keys to change hour value. Press PROCEED when this is what you require, and the clock will proceed to minutes then to seconds. If you are only changing hours for Daylight Saving Time changes then once PROCEED has been actioned the Back key can be used to return towards the normal display mode with the required changes stored.

Display



## Clock - Set Time - Set min


As per Set hour

## Clock - Set Time – Synch RTC

This allows users to confirm that the minutes setting conforms to expectations and allows set to 0 seconds. When the synchronisation time is shown and the minutes are incorrect, press Back to revert to set minutes.

Pressing PROCEED will action the synchronisation to the displayed time and then revert to set time frame.


## Data Control

This sub-menu has the following topics and are accessed by pressing the  key.

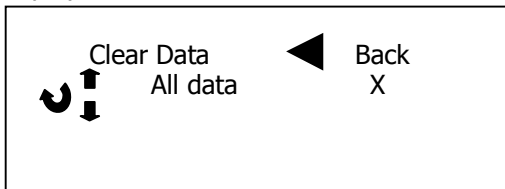
Clear data  
Data transfer  
Logging settings (only accessible in continuous logging mode)  
Memory used  
single/cont.

In most of these menus the third line shows current settings or values and also ✓ or X on the middle line.

### Data Control - Clear Data

Enter this by a  press.

Display



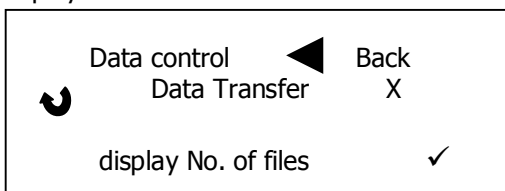
Note: An X or ✓ will be required following usual convention on the 2<sup>nd</sup> line.

Use the up or down scroll keys for other end tree selections:-

Last data X

### Data Control – Data Transfer


Display



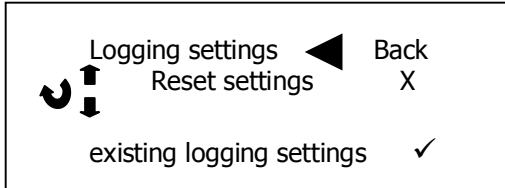
Note: An X or ✓ will be required following usual convention on the 2<sup>nd</sup> line.

When Data is being transferred, the X changes to a ✓ and then the Gas Check changes to a blank display but with the words 'Data transfer' for the duration of the transfer or time-out.

### Data Control – Logging settings

Enter this by a  press.

Display




Only if you want to return to default

No. Samples x Interval s ✓

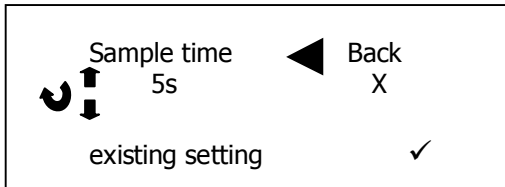
Use the up or down scroll keys for other Topic selections:-

Interval  
No. Samples

### Data Control – Logging settings- Interval

Enter this by a  press and use the UP and DOWN keys to select a new repeat interval for data logging.  
Press PROCEED key to enter this value in seconds, BACK key to move back towards the normal display.

Display

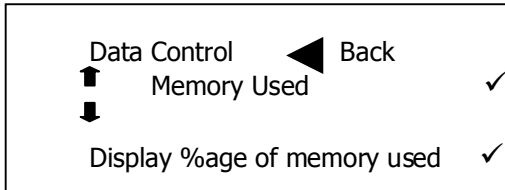


### Data Control - Logging settings – No. Samples

As per Interval above. This sets up the total number of samples per record for each press of the INFO key.  
When the Single mode of data logging is used, this menu is NOT accessible, as only ONE sample is taken.

### Data Control - Memory Used

Display

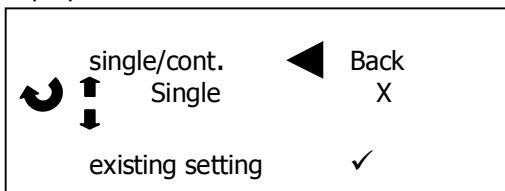


Note: This is an unusual case but we are still trying to follow the same format. This is just an information menu only but the ✓ serves as an indicator that it is an end tree situation. Also notice how the ↶ has been removed for this item.

### Data Control - Single/cont.

Enter this by a ↶ press.

Display



The choice is given to toggle the 'Single' or Continuous mode of data taking (using the Logging Settings).

#### CAUTION

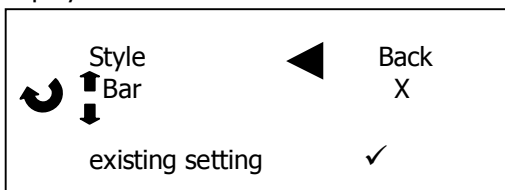
Please reset the Gas Check clock date and time settings required for data acquisition before proceeding to take data if this is to be used as a real time record rather than a logging sheet.

### Display - Style

Gas Check 5000is allows the user to select a preferred style of presentation – either a bar graph with an exponent range indicated or a digital display with a similar exponent range. The style applies to both the normal display mode and the menu settings for alarm level.

Enter this by a ↶ press.


Display



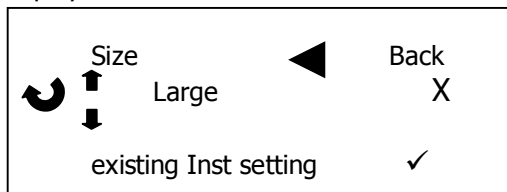
The option is given here (as per clearing Last data or All data) is for information purposes, to aid selection. The choice is given to toggle the 'Bar' at this level or to scroll through to see the other option: Numerals.

### Display - Size

Gas Check 5000is allows the user to select a preferred size of the display style presentation as a larger or a smaller size for the bar graph or numerals and the exponent range value. The size only refers to the normal display settings not to the menu settings for the alarms.

Enter this by a  press.


Display



The option is given here (as per clearing Last data or All data) is for information purposes, to aid selection. The choice is given to toggle the 'Large' at this level or to scroll through to see the other option: Small

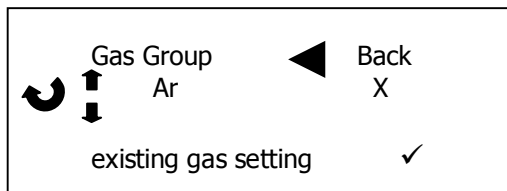
Note: Similar X and ✓ indications are followed in both Size and Style.

## Gas Group

Enter this by a  press.


-Ar  
+CH<sub>4</sub>  
-CO<sub>2</sub>  
H<sub>2</sub>  
He  
O<sub>2</sub>  
-R11  
-R12  
R22  
-R134a  
R1301  
-SF<sub>6</sub>  
Group 0  
Group 1  
Group 2  
Group 3  
Group 4

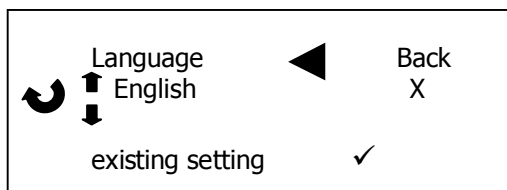
**Named gases have a polarity feature that is NOT available for the Gas Groups on Gas Check 5000is: the response after zeroing is ONLY allowed to be in the same sense as the polarity of the named gas.**



Note: Similar X and ✓ convention is followed.

## Language

Enter this by a  press.



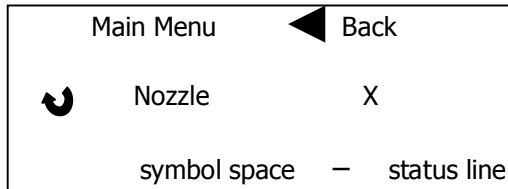
The option is given here (as per clearing Last data or All data) is for information purposes, to aid selection. The choice is given to toggle the 'English' at this level or to scroll through to see what the other options are - which in the instance is one! 2<sup>nd</sup> Programmed Language English (this is the normal factory alternative).

Note: Similar X and ✓ convention is followed.



## Nozzle

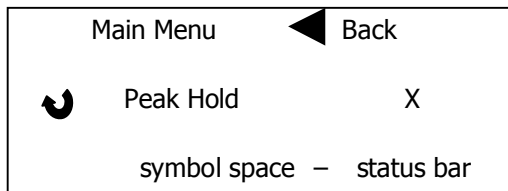
Display



The X indicates that it hasn't been selected – The status line doesn't have the nozzle symbol. If the PROCEED key pressed then the **X** turns to a ✓ and the nozzle symbol is placed down onto the third row

## Peak Hold

Display

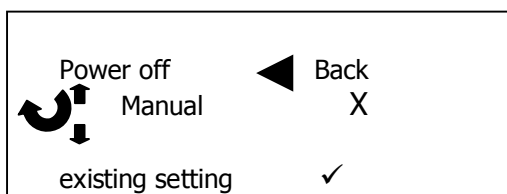


The X indicates that it hasn't been selected – The status bar doesn't have the Peak Hold symbol. If PROCEED key pressed then the **X** turns to a ✓ and the Peak Hold symbol is displayed in the third row.

## Power off

This sub-menu has the following topics accessed by pressing the  key.

Manual  
Automatic




Manual will ensure the user has to press the I/O key to turn off Gas Check. Automatic waits approximately 10 minutes from last key press with signal below 50% of selected range before switching off Gas Check.

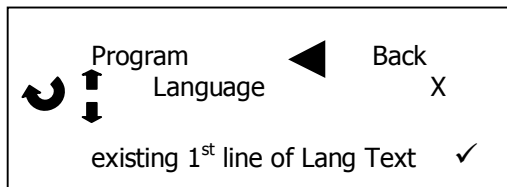
Manual will be useful for those users requiring continual operation for data logging purposes or leak ups.

Similar X and ✓ convention is followed as for other menus.

## Program

This sub-menu has the following topics and are accessed by pressing the  key.

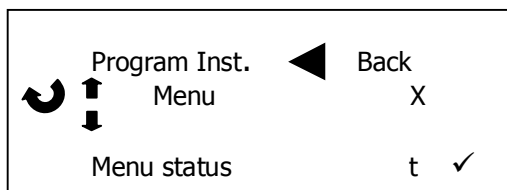
Language  
Menu  
Zone



Note: Similar X and ✓ convention is followed.

Pressing the PROCEED key without an IR Link communication will result in a delayed reset of the unit.

The other two selections will also be displayed because of different information content on the third line.

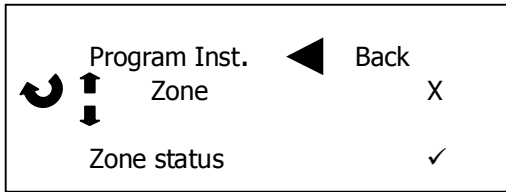


Menu status will only have a S/W test to indicate whether it is in the non programmed (normal default settings) or has any of these settings changed. **THUS:** the bottom line will have one of two messages:-

Factory Menu ✓  
Custom Menu ✓

Pressing the PROCEED key without an IR Link communication will result in a delayed reset of the unit.

Note: Similar X and ✓ convention is followed.



Zone status will only have a S/W test to indicate whether it is in the non programmed zone or has the zone option programmed within it.


THUS: the bottom line will have one of two messages:-

Zone Set	
No zone	✓

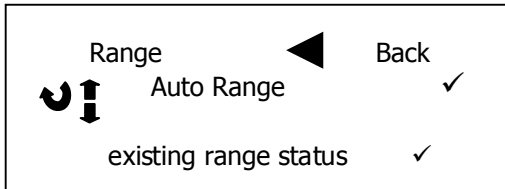
Pressing the PROCEED key without an IR Link communication will result in a timed out rest of the unit.

Note: Similar X and ✓ convention is followed.

## Range

Press  to jump down into the range topic.

Display:



Existing status shown ✓

This is Auto Range for ✓ above

If the scroll up or down keys are used from this start point, then the following options are shown:-

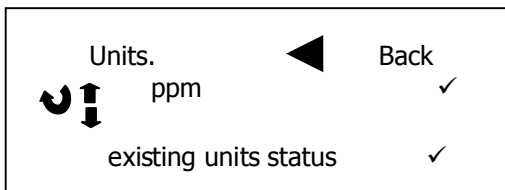
Manual  $\times 10^3$   
Manual  $\times 10^2$   
Manual  $\times 10^1$

Note: The exponents are only an example for the units of ppm selected.

## Units

Press  to jump down into the units topic.

Display:



Existing status shown ✓

This is ppm for ✓ above

If the scroll up or down keys are used from this start point, then the following options are shown:-

ml/min  
ml/s  
ft<sup>3</sup>/yr  
ppm  
sccm  
mm<sup>3</sup>/s  
mm<sup>3</sup>/min

Some Gas Check versions have a language selection where the units of ml are shown as cc instead, because this cc unit is more familiar than the SI based ml unit of identical volume.

## 4.2 Display

### 4.2.1 General

The Gas Check LCD matrix display is arranged to show the leak rate and other relevant status information in a consistent fashion during the normal use and also during user changes to the settings of the application.

- In normal use the upper portion of the LCD matrix is used for a large size digital representation of the leak rate (see Section 4.2.2) and status information is shown as symbols (see section 4.2.3) appearing in the lower portion.
- In response to Gas Check key presses, written text will appear across the middle of the matrix display, giving user confirmation of the changes to settings, while status symbols will also change consistently.

Examples are

Zeroing detector  
Nozzle On  
Peak hold On

#### 4.2.1 Leak rate indication

Leakage is displayed as a single (signed) digit x 10 (signed) range for ease of interpretation and calibration.

[Note that some gases (eg CO<sub>2</sub>) may cause a negative leak indication after Gas Check zeroing in clean air.]

Examples are













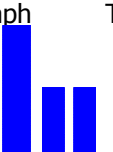
Leak rate for a positive gas: **5 x 10<sup>-5</sup> ml/s**  
Leak rate for a negative gas: **- 3 x 10<sup>-4</sup> ml/s**

Gas	Gas Group	Positive/Negative
H <sub>2</sub>	0	Positive
He	0	Positive
R12	1	Negative
R1301	1	Positive
R134a	1	Negative
SF <sub>6</sub>	1	Negative
R22	1	Negative
CO <sub>2</sub>	2	Negative
CH <sub>4</sub>	2	Positive
Ar	2	Negative
R11	3	Positive
O <sub>2</sub>	4	Positive

**Note that for the named gases the response of the Gas Check 5000is series after zeroing will be only permitted in the same sense as for that named gas, ie positive for helium, negative for R134a.**

### 4.2.1 Other display symbols

Small display indicators show zeroing, nozzle fitted, peak hold and low battery voltage.

Zeroing		This symbol appears whilst the Gas Check is zeroing then it disappears.
Nozzle		This symbol indicates that the Gas Check is being used with the Nozzle on.
Peak hold		This symbol indicates that the Gas Check display is held to the maximum.
Low battery		This symbol indicates that the battery pack is lower than required for use.
Alarm bell		This symbol shows that the alarm level has been set up for use.
ABC		This symbol shows that the Automatic Background Compensation is applied
Auto Range		This symbol shows when the Gas Check leak rate is not in a fixed range.
Data Logging		This symbol shows continuous Data Logging is in progress
Data Logged		This symbol shows continuous Data Logging was completed (each dash =10%)
Audio		This shows that the audible/visual leak rate indication is ON
Exponent		This symbol lies below the leak range exponent in the bar graph mode
Negative		This shows the leak rate is negative
Bar graph		The leak reading shown below is $2 \times 10^{-}$ (Exponent range shown)

### **4.3 Audio and visual outputs**

The Gas Check 5000is series have an internal audio sounder and a flashing LED indicator. They both operate together when the detected leak rate climbs from the zero indication towards the maximum on the leak rate range (see Section 4.2.1). They also operate once to confirm a key press.

### **4.4 Prepare the Gas Check**

#### **4.4.1 Select which probe to use**

Note: Whenever possible, use the Gas Check with the nozzle fitted. The nozzle helps to protect the short probe from blockage or damage. You cannot use the nozzle with the long probe.

Open the storage case and remove the Gas Check. The Gas Check is supplied with the short probe fitted and the nozzle fitted; a long probe is supplied in the storage case. Determine whether you want to use the short probe or the long probe and whether you want the nozzle fitted, as follows:

- Use the Gas Check with the short probe and without the nozzle to detect small leak rates of approximately  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  ml/sec and lower. Press the nozzle key to clear the nozzle fitted indicator: refer to Section 4.1
- For large leaks, use the Gas Check with the short probe and the nozzle fitted. The nozzle extends the detection range for more accurate measurement of large leaks. Press the nozzle key to set the nozzle fitted indicator: refer to Section 4.1.
- If the area you want to leak check has restricted access, remove the nozzle and the short probe and fit the long probe. The long probe is flexible and can be bent in a gentle arc so that it can reach areas that would otherwise be difficult to reach. Press the nozzle button to tell the Gas Check that the nozzle is not fitted when you fit the long probe: refer to Section 4.1/ Note that response time increases significantly when the long probe is fitted (see the note in Section 4.6.1).

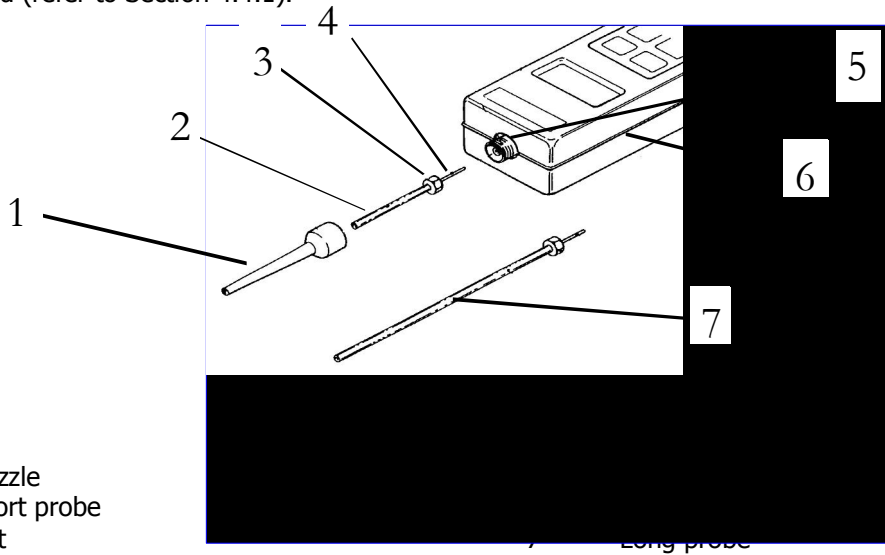
The nozzle simply pulls off and pushes onto the end of the Gas Check. To remove the nozzle or to change the probe, refer to Section 4.4.2.

#### **4.4.1 Remove the Gas Check nozzle or change the probe (if required)**

- 1 Switch off the Gas Check.
- 2 Refer to Figure 5. If the nozzle is fitted, hold the nozzle (1) by its wide base and gently twist and pull it to remove it from the Gas Check.
- 3 With the small end of the box spanner towards the Gas Check, guide the end of the probe (2 or 7) through the middle of the box spanner. Push the box spanner onto the nut (3) and turn the box spanner anticlockwise to undo and remove the probe.
- 4 Push the probe insert (4) of the other probe into the sample hole in the probe/nozzle fitting (5), then tighten the nut (3) one or two turns by hand to loosely secure the probe.
- 5 With the small end of the box spanner towards the Gas Check, guide the end of the probe through the middle of the box spanner. Push the box spanner onto the nut (3) and turn the box

spanner clockwise to secure the probe on the Gas Check. Tighten the nut by hand only, but do ensure that the metal part of the capillary tube (2) under the plastic sheath is not loose – else a noisy detected signal will result.

- 6 If you have fitted the short probe to the Gas Check, push the nozzle onto the Gas Check if required (refer to Section 4.4.1).



- 1 Nozzle
- 2 Short probe
- 3 Nut
- 4 Probe insert

Figure 5 – Change the probe

#### 4.5 Switch on the Gas Check

Press I/O key and wait for Gas Check to bleep & flash, the LCD to light up and show

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Then show

Gascheck 5000is  
SW Version 1.49  
Text Version 1.00

Then show

Zeroing Detector

After a short while the LCD display will then revert to the display format previously set up for the leak rate, which can be either the bar graph or the digital display, the latter in normal or large numeric display format.

When not detecting leaking gas, Gas Check still flashes and beeps periodically to indicate that it is ON. Gas Check remembers the settings on instrument power off so that the operator rarely if ever



has to alter any of them. The settings for gas groups, range, audio bleep, peak hold and nozzle are shown on the LCD.

The response of Gas Check can readily be checked against an Ion Science CalCheck. Alternatively the tracer gas supply can be suitably fitted with an Ion Science Ltd Standard Calibrated Leak.

## **4.6 Recommended leak search procedure**

### **4.6.1 General procedure**

Note: When you use the Gas Check, do not allow dirt or debris to enter the end of the probe or nozzle. If the probe or nozzle is blocked, the Gas Check will not operate correctly.

The following test procedures assume that you have fitted the short probe. The response time of the Gas Check increases from about 1 second or less when the short probe is fitted to about 9 seconds when the long probe is fitted. If you use the long probe for leak detection, ensure that you move the end of the probe much more slowly along the area you leak test.

Ensure the unit under test contains a reasonable percentage of a trace gas that is different from normal air!

Move the end of the probe (or nozzle) around the area of a suspected leak and look at the display (or listen to the audible clicks or note the visual LED flash rate on the Gas Check) to identify the location of a leak.

Specific procedures for leak detection along seams and around pipe joints are described in the following sections.

When required:

- Use the peak hold and Auto-Ranging modes to continue to check for leaks, but to display the largest leak detected
- If you want to zero the Gas Check, move the end of the probe (or nozzle) away from any possible leak, into a clean air zone, then press the manual zero key: refer to Section 4.1.

Note that leak sensitivity depends on the ambient conditions. If you want to accurately measure a leak, compare the indicated leak with a calibration standard, such as a portable reference leak: see Section 7.3.

When the Gas Check indicates that a leak has been found, move the probe (or nozzle) back to determine the precise location of the leak. The leak is located where the largest leak size is indicated on the display and where highest frequency clicks and visual flashing rate are emitted by the Gas Check, on the current range.

#### **4.6.2 Leak detection along seams**

Move the end of the Gas Check probe (or nozzle) along the length of the seam, so that it just rests on the seam. The speed at which you move along the seam depends upon the size of the leak that you search for:

- If the leak is large, you can move fairly fast along the seam, at approximately 25 mm per second.
- If the leak is small, move slowly along the seam, at approximately 10 mm per second.

#### **4.6.3 Leak detection at pipe joints**

Use the same procedure as for leak detection along seams (see Section 4.6.2), however move the probe (or nozzle) around the joint at approximately half the speed specified in Section 4.6.2. Light gases (such as hydrogen and helium) diffuse quickly into air, so an apparent leak on the side or top of a joint may actually be a leak at the bottom of the joint.

#### **4.6.4 Data logging – interruption for menu access**

Gas Check 5000is settings are protected during data logging. Press the INFO key to enter a menu dialogue.

### **4.7 Switch off the Gas Check**

When the Gas Check 5000is has been left for a few seconds without any key press, then press the I/O key.

The Gas Check will ignore I/O presses during the instrument power up sequence and during any zeroing.

#### **4.7.1 Auto Shut Down**

The unit will auto shut down after approximately 10 minutes.

## 5 MAINTENANCE

### 5.1 Inspect and clean the Gas Check

**CAUTION**

Do not clean the probe while it is attached to the Gas Check and do not try to clean the sample hole inside the probe/nozzle fitting which leads to the detector. If you do, you can damage the Gas Check.

1. Switch off the Gas Check.
2. Refer to Figure 5. If the nozzle is fitted, hold the nozzle (1) by its wide base and gently twist and pull it to remove it from the Gas Check.
3. With the small end of the box spanner towards the Gas Check, guide the end of the probe (2 or 7) through the middle of the box spanner. Push the box spanner onto the nut (3) and turn the box spanner anticlockwise to undo and remove the probe.
4. Inspect the Gas Check. If the case of the Gas Check is cracked or dented, we recommend that you do not continue maintenance, but return the Gas Check to your supplier for inspection and calibration.
5. Wipe the Gas Check with a clean, lint-free cloth moistened with a weak solution of detergent.
6. Carefully wipe the outer faces of the probe/nozzle fitting to remove any small particles of dirt or debris.
7. Use a suitable tool to push any blockage out of the end of the nozzle, then wipe the outside of and the inner face of the wide part of the nozzle.
8. Inspect the probe:
  - The hole in the short probe is approximately 0.47mm (0.0185inches) in diameter. We recommend that you push stiff wire of 0.25mm (0.01inches) diameter or less into the hole in the probe to remove any blockage.
  - The long probe is too long to be effectively cleaned. If the probe is blocked, we recommend that you obtain a new probe, available as a spare: refer to section 7.
9. Refit the required probe to the Gas Check: refer to Steps 4 to 6 in Section 4.4.2.
10. Place a light wipe of thin petroleum jelly around the inner face of the wide part of the nozzle, then fit the nozzle to the Gas Check.
11. Place the Gas Check and nozzle (and the long probe, if just removed) in its storage case. Store the case in suitable conditions: refer to Section 6.1.

## 5.2 Replace the batteries

### WARNING

Replace the batteries in the Gas Check 5000is in a safe area where there are no flammable gases. If you do not, there may be a risk of fire or explosion.

### WARNING

Use only dry cell (non-rechargeable) batteries in the Gas Check 5000is. Recommended batteries are specified in Section 2.3 Battery Data.

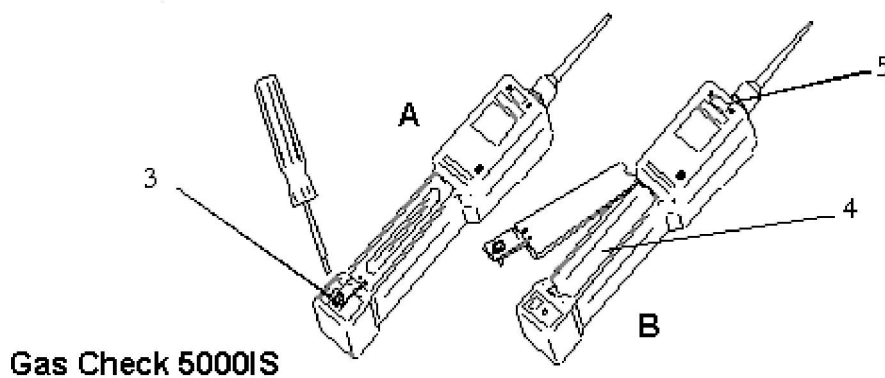
### CAUTION

The Gas Check 5000is will blow a factory fitted internal protection fuse if the battery clip is reverse connected. The complete instrument will have to be returned to the supplier for fuse replacement.

Ensure that the rubber sleeve on the female part of the battery holder is correctly fitted when you fit new batteries. If you do not, you could refit the holder in the Gas Check 5000is with incorrect polarity, which will blow an internal fuse and make it inoperative.

Note: A spare battery holder is supplied in the case.

1. Refer to Figure 6. Turn over the Gas Check so that the battery compartment is at the top: see detail A.



- |   |                           |   |                     |
|---|---------------------------|---|---------------------|
| 1 | Catch                     | 4 | Battery compartment |
| 2 | Battery compartment cover | 5 | Serial number       |
| 3 | Captive screw             |   |                     |

Figure 6 – Replace the batteries

2. On the Gas Check 5000is, use the special screwdriver supplied to undo the captive screw on the battery compartment cover and remove the cover. This is located at the end of the Gas Check at position (5).
3. Remove the battery holder. If required, you can carefully unplug the battery holder so that you can detach the holder from the Gas Check.
4. Remove the old batteries (4) from the battery holder. Dispose of the batteries (see section 6.2).
5. Inspect the inside of the battery compartment and battery holder. If the batteries have leaked, use a cloth dampened with a weak solution of detergent to clean the battery compartment and battery holder.

**CAUTION**

The Gas Check 5000is will blow a factory fitted internal protection fuse if the battery clip is inadvertently reverse connected. The complete instrument will have to be returned to the supplier for fuse replacement.

6. Fit four new batteries in the battery holder. Ensure that you fit the batteries in the correct orientation. Refit the battery holder to the Gas Check.
7. On the Gas Check 5000is, refit the battery compartment cover and use the special screwdriver to tighten the captive screw and secure the cover in place.

**CAUTION**

Ensure that the screw is located squarely to the threaded insert before tightening else the battery compartment cover may not be properly secured due to cross threading. The instrument will then have to be returned to the supplier for replacement of the Gas Check

8. Switch on the Gas Check to ensure that the batteries are correctly fitted. If the display remains blank when you switch on the Gas Check, refer to section 5.3.

### 5.3 Fault finding

<b>Fault symptom</b>	<b>Diagnosis</b>	<b>Action</b>
Unit will not switch on	No/dead batteries fitted	Try another battery set (safely)
Unit will not switch off	Software locked out	Remove & replace battery clip (safely)
Battery symbol appears	Battery state low	Replace batteries (safely)
Back light drains battery life	Excessive use of backlight	Avoid or reduce use of backlight
Unit will not zero	Software locked out by hardware	Remove & replace batteries (safely)
LCD appears blank/dim	Contrast control setting wrong	Turn off & on; press & hold contrast
Bar graph/number do not change	Peak hold selected	Press zero or change Peak Hold state
Range does not change	Range not set in Auto-range	Press & hold Range until Auto-range
He range will not show -5	Unit with nozzle ON and/or range	Reset via Nozzle and Range keys
Gas group is wrong	Gas Group not set correctly	Press & hold Gases until shown OK
Nozzle/Peak not showing	Nozzle/Peak is not set correctly	Press & hold Nozzle until both correct
Calibration due message	Unit has exceeded 1 year on cal	Return to Ion Science for recalibration
Unit will not zero correctly	Sensor contaminated	Leave to stabilise
Blocked probe	Probe blocked by solid or liquid	Remove probe; clean; check now OK
Stalled motor	Motor failed & probe not blocked	Return to supplier for repair
Instrument readings noisy	Loose probe	Tighten nut slightly
Instrument readings noisy	Test environment contaminated	Move test into clean area
5000is will not switch on	Internal fuse blown	Return to supplier for repair

Table 5 – Fault finding

## 6 STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

### 6.1 Storage

If you will store the Gas Check for a long time, we recommend that you remove the batteries: refer to Section 5.2

Refit the Gas Check in its storage case and store in dry, cool conditions. When required for use, unpack as described in Section 3.

### 6.2 Disposal

Dispose of the Gas Check, components and used batteries safely in accordance with all local and national safety and environmental requirements. Some of the Gas Check carry case plastic material is recyclable.

## **7 SPARES AND ACCESSORIES**

### **7.1 Introduction**

Order spare parts from your local agent or distributor. When you order, please state for each part required:

- Serial Number on the back of your Gas Check - refer to Figure 6.
- Item Number and description of part.

### **7.2 Spares**

Spare	Item Number
Long probe	A-8045
Short probe	A-8043
Replacement battery holder	A-08139
Nozzle 5000is	08024CPC0
Box spanner	A-08029
5000is screwdriver	4/TS-01
Case	31164
Manual	28053

### **7.3 Accessories**

Accessories	Item Number
CalCheck	A-21500
-Specifying: Gas, Leak rate and pressure	
IR Data Link	A-28170
-Specifying: voltage: A=USA, K=UK , E=Euro, U=Universal and C=Car.	

### **7.4 Calibration**

Ion Science offer a calibration service including issue of traceable certification to National Standards.

### **7.5 Refurbish program**

Ion Science offer a refurbishment service for all customer repairs

Update Log

Manual Version	Amendment	Date updated	Instrument Firmware	PC Software
GasCheck 5000 V1.4	Gas Table updated	16/7/08	V4.16	V3.26
GasCheck 5000 V1.5	Update log added to back of manual	9/1/09	V4.16	V3.26