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"Protection Begins with Detection"

## **Direct-Reading Dosimeter – Low-Range Models**

The Direct-Reading Dosimeter is a pocketsize, carbon-fiber electroscope with a thinwalled chamber for detecting exposure to Gamma and X-Ray radiation.

The low energy feature has hospital applications including fluoroscopy, portable radiography and angiography.

This pocket-size instrument is lightweight and has a sturdy metal clip to attach to an individual's pocket. The entire unit is hermitically sealed and waterproof.

Low Range Models include:	
Model	Range
138	0- 200mR
138-S	0- 2mSv
500	0- 500mR
500-S	0- 5mSv



All models are available with a protective hard (sapphire) window to prevent the lens from being scratched in a harsh environment.

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## **Specifications**

Radiation Detected:	Gamma and X-Ray from 16 keV to 6 MeV
Ranges:	0 –200 mR, 0 – 500 mR, 0 – 2 mSv, 0 – 5 mSv
Detector:	Fiber electrometer mounted in an electrically conductive plastic ion chamber
Detector Housing:	Very low permeability plastics-hermetically sealed
Accuracy:	Within + or – 10% of true exposure
Rate Response:	Dose rate independent for gamma and x-ray
Electrical Leakage:	Less than 1.0% of full scale for 24 hours at 50 C
Temperature Range:	-20 degrees C to + 50 degrees C
Relative Humidity:	Up to 90%
Dimensions:	Length: 4.5" (12.4 cm) Diameter .6 " (1.5 cm)
Weight:	1.0 oz (25 grams)
Finish:	Barrel and End Caps are Natural Matte Black with Metal Clip
Warranty:	2 Year Limited Warranty

All dosimeters are tested for compliance with ANSI specifications and customer specification requirements. All test equipment is calibrated, with documentation of traceability to NIST standards. All dosimeters are identified as to model number, range, manufacturer's name, and unique serial number.

Accumulated radiation is read directly on an internal calibrated scale. A Dosimeter Charger is required in order to return the dosimeter to zero after each exposure or when desired.



A conductive fiber dosimeter is a rugged precision instrument consisting of an ionization chamber (5) sensitive to radiation. A conductive fiber electrometer (4) which measures the charge: and a microscope to read the shadow of the fiber on a reticle(scale) (8).

## Direct-Reading Dosimeter Operation

tem Description **Diaphragm Switch** 1 2 Electrostatic Shield 3 Charging Pin Electrometer 4 Ionization Chamber 5 **Objective Lens Holder** 6 **Objective Lens** 7 8 Eye Piece/Reticle reticle. Eyepiece Spacer 9 Evepiece Lens - 2 10 Upper Barrel 11 Upper End Cap 12 Lower Barrel 13 Lower End Cap 14 Window 15 Metal/Pocket Clip 16 Frame 17 Conductive Fiber 19 20 Upper Barrel Insert

Decal/Label

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The electrometer embodies two electrodes, one of which is a moveable conductive fiber. When the electrometer is charged to a predetermined voltage, the electrodes assume a calibrated separation.

As the dosimeter is exposed to radiation, ionization occurs in the surrounding chamber decreasing the charge on the electrodes in proportion to the exposure. The deflection of the moveable conductive fiber electrodes is projected by a light source, through an objective lens (7) to the calibrated reticle and read through a microscope eyepiece (8, 9, 10).

Illumination for the optical system is obtained by pointing the dosimeter at any convenient light source. Light passes through the clear plastic electrostatic shield (2) to illuminate the reticle.

The bottom is sealed by the clear plastic diaphragm switch (1) containing an insulated charge pin (3). When charging, the charge pin moves up to contact the electrometer closing the circuit. Sufficient voltage is applied to recharge the system.

The entire system is encased in a liquid crystal polymer (LCP) barrel (11 & 13) with all joints hermetically sealed with epoxy.

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Arrow-Tech, Inc. recommends a yearly calibration of the Direct Reading Dosimeter which is generally consistent with good health physics practices. More frequent calibration may be necessary should the user's license require a shorter calibration interval



Dosimeters are extremely sensitive instruments. Although they are constructed for rugged use, they should receive the same care as a wristwatch. Since dosimeters are hermetically sealed at the factory, they cannot be repaired or adjusted in the field. Therefore, if instrument malfunctioning is experienced, the instrument should be returned to the factory or your dealer. Dosimeters may be maintained in operating condition simply by cleaning the eyepiece lens and the charging switch insulator with clean water and a cloth that is free of lint and grit. Make sure the charging switch insulator is absolutely free of lint and moisture at all times. **Caution**: Do not insert any sharp objects into, or tamper with parts in the charging switch recess. Irreparable damage may be done

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