

Polytec Tubes

Whereas the standard Gastec detector tubes provide quantitative information of concentrations of known target gases, Gastec polytec tubes allow multiple unknown substances to be determined simultaneously from a sample.

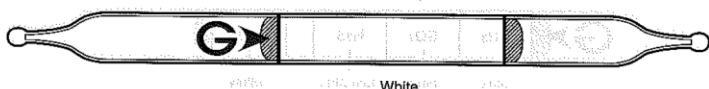
Polytec tubes are used in the same way as standard detector tubes. However, they are unique, each having between 1 and 7 reaction layers within the glass tube that will react to specific gases. When a volume of air is sampled using the Gastec pump, the colours of the polytec tubes layers change uniquely to the content of the sample.

Types of Polytec Tubes

Gas or vapour to be measured	Tube no & Name		No. Of pump strokes	Shelf life (year)
NH ₃ , SO ₂ , H ₂ S, CO, NO ₂ , R.SH	25	Polytec tube-2	1	2
NH ₃ , H ₂ S, CnHm	26	Polytec tube-3	1	2
NH ₃ , HCl, H ₂ S, NO ₂ , Cl ₂ , CO, CO ₂	27	Polytec tube-4	1	2*
Unknown Gases	107	Polytec tube-1	3	3

*Store tubes in Refrigerator

Polytec I (Tube 107)



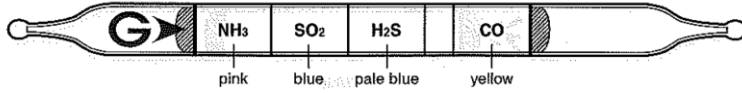
- Qualitative Analysis
- Sampling time: 1 minute for 1 pump stroke (100ml)
- Shelf life up to 3 years from point of manufacture
- Reaction principle: Substance + I₂O₅ + H₂S₂O₇ → I₂

Polytec I (GAS107)		
Substance	Concentration	Colour change from white to
Carbon Disulphide	≥1ppm	Green
Hydrogen Sulphide	≥1ppm	Green
Carbon Monoxide	≥10ppm	Green or Brown
Acetone	≥1000ppm	Brown or Green
Acetylene	≥10ppm	Brown or Green
Ethylene	≥70ppm	Brown or Green
Benzene	≥20ppm	Brown
Propane, Propylene	≥100ppm	Brown
Styrene	≥10ppm	Yellow or Brown
Trichloroethylene	≥15ppm	Pale Brown
Gasoline	≥100ppm	Dark Brown
Toluene, Xylene	≥10ppm	Purple



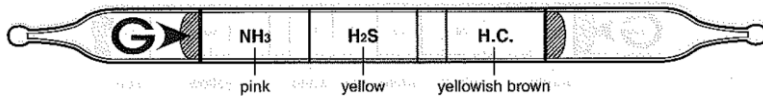
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Polytec II (GAS25)



- Qualitative Analysis
- Sampling time: 1 minute for 1 pump stroke (100ml)
- Shelf life up to 2 years from point of manufacture
- Reaction principle: See table below

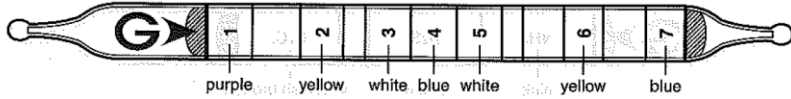
Polytec II (GAS25) Detecting Layer		Name (Original Colour)			
		NH ₃ or amines (pink)	SO ₂ (blue)	H ₂ S (pale blue)	CO (yellow)
Reaction principle		2NH ₃ +H ₂ SO ₄ →(NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄ or 2R.NH ₂ +H ₂ SO ₄ →(R.NH ₃) ₂ SO ₄	SO ₂ +BaCl ₂ +H ₂ O→BaSO ₃ +2HCl HCl + base →Chloride	H ₂ S+CuSO ₄ →CuS	CO+Na ₂ Pd (SO ₃) ₂ →Pd
Substance	Concentration	Measurement Results			
Ammonia, Amines	5ppm	Yellow (9mm)			
Sulphur Dioxide	2ppm	Yellow (3mm)			
Hydrogen Chloride	5ppm	Yellow (3mm)			
Chlorine	1ppm	Yellow (3mm)			
Nitrogen Dioxide	3ppm	Purple (1mm)			
Hydrogen Sulphide	5ppm	Brown (1mm)			
Carbon Monoxide	10ppm	Dark Brown (Entrance)			
Hydrogen, Olefines, HC's	1000ppm	Black (Whole Layer)			

Polytec III (GAS26)

Polytec III (GAS26) Detecting Layer		Name (Original Colour)		
		NH ₃ (pink)	H ₂ S (yellow)	HC (yellowish) brown
Reaction principle		2NH ₃ +H ₂ SO ₄ →(NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄ or 2R.NH ₂ +H ₂ SO ₄ →(R.NH ₃) ₂ SO ₄	H ₂ S+HgCl ₂ →HSHgCl+HCl HCl + base → chloride	CnHm+Cr ⁶⁺ +H ₂ SO ₄ →Cr ³⁺
Substance	Concentration	Measurement Results		
Ammonia, amines	5ppm	Yellow (9mm)		
Hydrogen Sulphide	2ppm		Red (4mm)	
Sulphur Dioxide	2ppm		Red (4mm)	
Hydrogen Chloride	5ppm		Red (8mm)	
Chlorine	1ppm		Red (10mm)	
Nitrogen Dioxide	3ppm		Red (4mm)	
Butane	500ppm			Dark Brown (Whole Layer)
Gasoline	20ppm			Dark Brown (Whole Layer)
LPG	5000ppm			Dark Brown (Whole Layer)

- Qualitative Analysis
- Sampling time: 30 secs for 1 pump stroke (100ml)
- Shelf life: up to 2 years from point of manufacture
- Reaction principle: See table (next page)

Polytec IV (GAS27)



Polytec IV (GAS27) Detecting Layer		Number/Name (Original Colour)						
		1/NH ₃ (purple)	2/HCl (yellow)	H ₂ S (white)	SO ₂ (blue)	NO ₂ (white)	CO (yellow)	CO ₂ (blue)
Reaction principle		3NH ₃ +H ₃ PO ₄ → (NH ₄) ₃ PO ₄	HCl + base → chloride	H ₂ S+CuSO ₄ → CuS	SO ₂ +BaCl ₂ +H ₂ O → 2HCl HCl+base+chloride	NO ₂ +C ₁₄ H ₁₆ N ₂ → C ₁₄ H ₁₄ N ₂ O	CO+Na ₂ Pd(SO ₃) ₂ → Pd	CO ₂ +2KOH → K ₂ CO ₃
Substance	Concentration	Measurement Results						
Ammonia, Amines	≥25ppm	Faint Yellow						
	≥150ppm	Yellow						
Hydrogen chloride	≥5ppm		Faint Red					
	≥150ppm		Red					
Hydrogen Sulphide	≥10ppm			Faint Brown				
	≥120ppm			Brown				
	≥200ppm			Brown			Faint Dark Brown	
	≥800ppm			Brown			Dark Brown	
Chlorine	≥5ppm				Faint Yellow	Faint Yellow		
	≥20ppm				Yellow	Yellow		
	≥50ppm				Yellow	Yellow		
Sulphur Dioxide	≥10ppm				Faint Yellow			
	≥50ppm				Yellow			
Nitrogen dioxide	≥5ppm				Purple	Faint Yellow/Orange		
Acetylene	≥30ppm				Purple	Yellowish Orange		
	≥200ppm						Faint Dark Brown	
	≥2000ppm						Dark Brown	
Carbon Monoxide	≥5ppm						Faint Dark Brown	
	≥30ppm						Dark Brown	
Ethylene	≥10,000ppm						Faint Dark Brown	
Phosphine	≥50ppm						Faint Dark Brown	
	≥700ppm						Dark Brown	
Hydrogen	≥50,000ppm						Grey	
	≥100,000ppm						Dark Brown	
Methyl Mercaptan	≥200ppm						Faint Yellow/Orange	
	≥1000ppm						Yellowish Orange	
Propylene	≥10,000ppm						Faint Grey	
	≥50,000ppm						Grey	
Carbon Dioxide	≥5000ppm							Faint Brown
	≥20,000ppm							Brown