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Third Round Testing Protocol for DMT Instruments

Power Up Procedure:

- a) Open unit and inspect connections. Ensure all tubing is secure. Check that all cables are properly seated and tied down or strapped together as necessary. Check that all screws are in place and snug; this will require the removal of the side pieces to allow the technician access. Correct as needed.
- b) Manually turn the filter wheel. The filter wheel should turn smoothly and should not rub or wobble. Correct as needed.
- c) Power on the instrument. Allow approximately one hour for it to come to temperature.
- d) Access the SETUP menu. On the MISC tab, type "State of Vermont" in the NAME field. In the EXPLORE box, highlight STYLUS and press the OK button to activate the stylus settings. Recalibrate the stylus. Once complete, exit the SETUP menu by pressing the OK button to save the settings. If you exit the SETUP menu using the CANCEL button, none of the changes will be saved.
- e) Enter the TECH screen. Scroll through all of the filter settings to ensure the filter wheel is activating properly.
- f) Optimize the detector voltage
 - Adjust the cooler voltage setting to 1.70Vdc +/-0.10.
 - Manually manipulate the detector position to get the detector voltage as low as possible.
 - Adjust the Lamp voltage setting so that the detector voltage displayed is approximately +0.000 +/- 0.100.
 - Note the initial noise of the detector voltage once unit has had a minute to equilibrate. Noise tolerance at NPAS is +/-0.003 on a detector.
 - Save the voltage settings
 - Per VDHL protocol (P-Alc-116 Power-Up SOP), the detector voltage must read 0.000V with a tolerance of +/- 0.100V. Correct as needed.
- g) While still in the TECH screen, press SET in the RF Sensitivity box to automatically set the RF sensitivity level. Press SAVE to save the settings. Confirm the setting by keying a radio near the instrument. Correct as needed.
- h) Using the large syringe, push 1.5L of air into the breath tube. Monitor the volume of air displayed on the TECH screen. The instrument should read 1.5L +/- 0.2L. If the instrument is out of range, adjust the distance between the "T" fittings on the breath exhaust tubing. Retest until the volume reads appropriately.
- i) Once all the TECH settings are correct, re-save every setting. Exit the TECH screen.
- j) Close up the instrument using locking screws on the top four holes. Attach the stylus to the DMT using a locking screw in the center right screw hole nearest the simulator tower. Attach the keyboard to the top of the instrument using sticky-back velcro. Wrap a small piece of velcro around the top of the stylus and affix the other side to the front of the instrument so the stylus can rest on the front of the unit.
- k) Calibrate the instrument following the Calibration Protocol using Calibration Solution (0.100 EtOH). During Calibration and Certification, it may be necessary to turn off the simulator temperature monitoring if using Guth 2100 Simulators as these do not have BNC connectors for temperature monitoring. To do this, open the SETUP menu. In the Simulator box, select NONE as the type of

simulator. Press OK to exit. Document the room temperature and humidity level at the time of calibration in the communication notebook.

- l) Certify the instrument following the Certification Protocol.
- m) Preliminary interference testing. Run the following concentrations as an Accuracy and Precision Test with n=10. The instrument must report Interference at least 80% of the time.
 - 0.01% Acetone in 0.08% EtOH
 - 0.04% MeOH in Water
 - 0.04% Isopropanol in Water

The instrument is now ready for performance testing. If any of the above steps fail or there is **any** problem with the instrument, the DataMaster Team should be consulted as to the action required. It may be necessary to return an instrument to the manufacture for refurbishment prior to use by VDHL. All adjustments and repairs to an instrument should be documented in the instrument's testing notebook located in the testing binder. All reports generated during the Power Up Procedure should be filed in the power up section of that instrument's testing binder. If the instrument has passed, it should now be Installed to VDHL.

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Performance Testing

- a) Linearity Test: Four concentrations of EtOH solutions will be used, 0.020, 0.080, 0.160, and 0.400. Each solution will be run using the Accuracy and Precision test (n=10). All four concentrations will be run consecutively and will count as one linearity test. Five linearity tests will be run on each instrument. Linearity tests should not be completed back to back. Testing should allow for inter- and intra- day performance.
- b) Low Level Performance: A solution of 0.040EtOH will be tested using the Accuracy and Precision test (n=10) once
- c) Interference Test: The following concentrations will be tested using the Accuracy and Precision test (n=10). The instrument should report Interference at least 80% of the time.

0.01% Acetone in 0.04% EtOH
 0.02% Acetone in 0.04% EtOH
 0.04% MeOH in 0.08% EtOH
 0.04% Isopropanol in 0.08% EtOH

d) Limited Volume Testing:

Target Volume	Flow (lpm)	Time (sec.)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Ave.	% s.d.
1.5 L	8.2	11									
	15	6									
	22.5	4									
2.0 L	10	12									
	15	8									
	24	5									

Pressure: _____ Flow rate +/- _____ time +/- _____

