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Explanation of the INVALID SAMPLE message and the DataMaster DMT

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Measurements of the alcohol concentration during breath sample delivery are taken every 250 milliseconds (4x per second). *For the purpose of evaluating the slope of the alcohol concentration curve, two consecutive 1/4 second samples are averaged and the result is used.*

A “positive slope” is defined as a comparison of a 2 consecutive point average to the previous where the trend is not in the negative direction. *In order to be considered a negative slope, the change in consecutively compared averages must be greater than 0.001 in the negative direction. Any non-negative change as defined above is considered a positive slope.*

The message “INVALID SAMPLE” will be produced while the instrument detects at least the minimum rate of airflow during sample delivery if:

There are three consecutive comparisons of two point averages where the *slope is negative, as defined above*, after seeing first a minimum of six positive comparisons of two point averages.

Or

Any final result  $\geq 0.060$  g/210 l is less than 95% of any previous high reading during that successfully delivered sample.

Or

Any final result  $\geq 0.003$  g/210 l but  $< 0.060$  g/210 l is lower than any previous high reading during that successfully delivered sample by at least 0.003 g/210l.

*Explanation of SAMPLE ACCEPTANCE PARAMETERS for the DMT*

*A minimum flow rate as measured by the DMT must be 3 L/M.*

*The minimum sample volume delivered while achieving the minimum flow rate must be 1.5 liters.*

*The slope of the alcohol concentration curve must meet the following criteria at the point when the flow rate drops back below 3 L/M after having met the 1.5 liter total volume requirement:*

*The increase from the second to last 2 point average to the last (at the time the flow rate drops below 3 L/M) must be less than or equal to 0.001 g/210l and not a negative slope. In order to be considered a negative slope, the change in consecutively compared averages must be greater than 0.001 in the negative direction.*

*Therefore, in order to be a slope that will allow a sample to be accepted, the absolute value of the change between the final two 2 point averages must be 0.001 g/210l or less.*