

Application Notes:

Calibrating the EPA Primary Gas Dilution Calibrator Using the Bios Primary Flow Meter

Introduction:

The EPA Primary Gas Dilution Calibrator can be quickly and precisely calibrated by the Bios primary flow meter ML-500 and verified in the field by hand-portable Bios Definer™ 220.

EPA – TTN EMC Method 205 states that “The gas dilution system shall be calibrated once per calendar year using NIST-traceable primary flow standards with an uncertainty $\leq 0.25\%$ ”

The ML-500 and Definer 220 are primary gas flow meters that perform direct volumetric measurement of gas flow with an uncertainty of $\pm 0.25\%$ and $\pm 0.75\%$ of reading respectively. Using Bios patented Proven DryCal Technology, they both measure the time required to displace a piston through a glass cylinder of known volume (accuracy is dimensional, based upon length and time, two of the primary units of measure, or the SI Base Units).

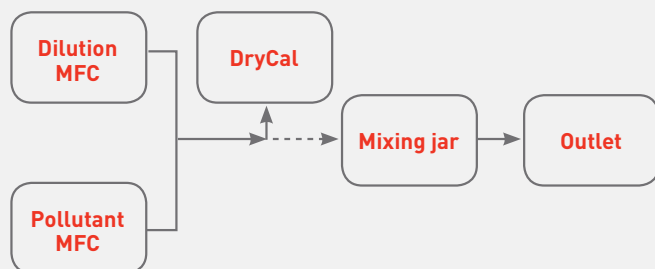
Background:

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Fig 1: EPA Primary Gas Dilution Calibrator

Procedure:



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- Open up the gas dilution calibrator box and connect tubing from the MFC to the inlet (pressure) port of the DryCal prior to the mixing jar as shown in the connection diagram. Leave the outlet(suction) port of the DryCal open to ambient

Note: It is important to minimize the volume between the MFC and the measurement device for accurate readings



Fig 2: Bios DryCal connected to gas dilution calibrator

- Set the flow reading type in the DryCal to volumetric (Vol) or standardized (Std) depending on the type of flow calibration, and set the number of flow measurement in the average to 10
- Select the MFC to be verified or calibrated using the Output Selector Switch of the gas dilution calibrator
- Set the flow to the MFC using the MFC controller. The 'Zero' and 'Full Scale' of MFC can be adjusted at this point by using the DryCal flow reading.

About Bios

Bios is a recognized leader in primary flow measurement. We provide products, services, and solutions for professional in diverse disciplines including environmental protection, occupational health and safety, industrial process control, research and development and calibration laboratories.

Our Butler, NJ facility is one of the world's most accurate gas flow measurement laboratories. Since 2004, we've been accredited to calibration laboratory quality and proficiency standards set forth by ISO 17025, ANSI Z-540 and NIST handbook 150, through National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the national lab of the United States.

We are pleased to state that our Scope of Accreditation uncertainty is $\pm 0.071\%$ of reading for gas flow measurements from 5 to 50,000 scc per minute. A current copy of our accreditation certificate and scope may be found on our website, at: <http://www.Biosint.com/pdf/NVLAP-accreditation.pdf>

