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USER MANUAL



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1 INTRODUCTION

The OPA-391/HF and its derivatives are equipments for measuring the opacity of the smoke emitted by Diesel engines.

Please read carefully this manual before operating on the equipment and follow the instructions when doing any action on it, in particular when doing maintenance procedures.

Open the equipment only when explicitly indicated and after switching off its powering. Then, at the end of operations, close it restoring its original conditions, in particular the casing and the flap door, before powering it again.

Be careful of the right hose connections and don't inhale the smoke leaving it flowing outside in free air.

The manufacturer disclaims any responsibility for any kind of event deriving from a improper use of the equipment or from a procedure not explicitly written on this manual. In any case, the responsibility is limited to the repair of the instrument.

For more detailed informations please read the chapter "Warranty".

The smoke meter does its smoke measurements through the "sampling" method and the measuring chamber is of the specular reflection type.

The equipment performs measures in conformity with the Italian Ministerial Decree of law n. 628 of 23/10/1996 and following modifications as Circular n. 88/95 of 6/9/1999 (mode L1) and measures in conformity with the Directive 1999/52/CE take in with D.M. of 7/8/2000 and Circular 6902/604 of 4/8/2000 (mode L2).

The smokemeter is able to use the communication protocol defined in the technical specification MCTCNET revision 1.0 of 23/06/1999.

The smokemeter meets CUNA NC-005/11 standards

This manual contains procedures to be performed by both the final user and the technician which is doing service on the equipment.

Procedures labeled with (###) Must not be undertaken by the final user.

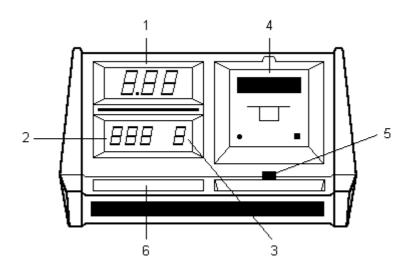
Note: (§§) This simbol means that feature or operation which refers to is activated only in OPA-391/HF and OPA-391 / HDF but not on other Models of the Smoke-meter.

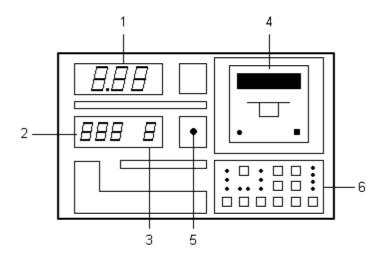
1.1 SMOKE METER FRONT PANEL

- 1) Smoke value display, shows the SMOKE values of the vehicle exhaust gases expressed as percentage from 00.0 to 99.9% and in K from 0.00 to 9.99 (m-1).
- 2) Temperature/rpm display, show the temperature of gas incoming measuring chamber, number of engine rpms, chamber's temperature (§§), oil temperature (§§).
- 3) Display of test number being performed/that can be performed.
- 4) 24 column pin printer
- 5) Infrared remote control receiver
- 6) Control keypad and function lights

Keys: ON/OFF, %K, MODE, COUNT ADV, ZERO, PRINT, PAPER ADV, F1, F2, F3, RPM/TEM.

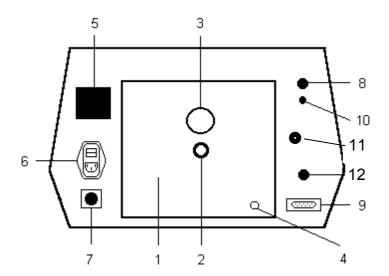
LEDS: ON, +15%, -15%, %, K, CONT, L1, L2, °C, RPM, F4, F5.

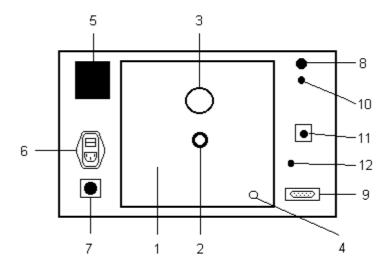




1.2 SMOKE METER BACK PANEL

- 1) Measuring Chamber
- 2) Fitting for exhaust gas input
- 3) Exhaust gas vent
- 4) Fitting for releasing condensate formed in the measuring chamber
- 5) Metal label-plate
- 6) Switch filter complete with: prestart filter, fuses, mains outlet
- 7) Connector for vehicle-battery power supply (13.8 VDC)
- 8) Connector for motor oil temperature probe (§§)
- 9) RS232 Serial port
- 10) RPM probe connector
- 11) RPM fuse holder
- 12) Calibration Filter





2 TECHNICAL FEATURES

2.1 PHOTODETECTOR TECHNICAL FEATURES

Ricetransmitter - Reflection type

Transmitter - 6V 10W halogen lamp

Color temperature - 3000°K Average lamp life - 2000 hours

Receiver - BPW21 photodiode Response corrector filter - L.I.S.S. passband

Periodic settings - Neutral density filter supplied

2.2 MEASURING CHAMBER TECHNICAL FEATURES

Chamber ventilation - Controlled
Measuring cell length - 198 mm
Measuring cell, inside diameter - 36 mm
Length of an exhaust gasspecimen - 400 mm
Exhaust gas input - Balanced
Clean air input - Balanced

Exhaust gas intercept - 1/2 inch solenoid value Clean air intercept - 1/8 inch solenoid valve

Gas discharge - By ventilation

Pressure/depression sensor - Differential, solid state
Measuring chamber - Interchangeable

Condensate drainage - At the base of the chamber

Chamber thermostating (§§) - Over 70°C, by microprocessor-controlled heaters

2.3 ELECTRONIC STRUCTURAL FEATURES

Setting - Automatic when switched on Measurement processing - Microprocessor controlled

Printer - Impact, 24 columns

Smoke display - 3, 7-segment red colour 20 mm high Temp/Rpm display - 3, 7-segment green colour 20 mm high Test N° Display - 1, 7-segment green colour 14 mm high

Measurements displayed - Smoke: from 00.0 to 99.9%

Smoke K (m-1) from 0.00 to 9.99 Gas temp: from 0 to 180°C Oil temp: from 0 to 180°C (§§)

Chamber temp: from 45 to 180°C (§§)

RPMs from 0 to 6000 rpm

Start-up and self-test time - 1 min, normal

Time for operating rates - 15 min, normal (at 25°C)

Operating temperature - +5° to +40°C Humidity range - 45%-90%

Clearing measurement device - Automatic, press ZERO key

2.4 POWER SUPPLY

From mains - Single phase 220V (±10%) 50 Hz (±2%)

From battery - 13.8 VDC (±10%)

Absorbed power - 200VA max for 391/HF and 391/HDF

- 80 VA max for 391 and 391/HD

2.5 SUPPLEMENTARY FUNCTIONS

Remote control - Infrared

Serial output - RS-232 for connection to remote unit (PC)

Calendar/clock - For dated printouts

2.6 OTHER FEATURES

Dimensions, weight (Std)
- 480 x 300 x 630 mm, 29 kg approx.

- 475 x 280 x 480 mm, 28 kg approx.

Exhaust pipe probe - 3 different sizes, inside diameters of 10, 17 and 27

mm, to be connected to the hose of probe.

Ballast - 2 kg approx; to connect to the hose of probe

2.7 FITTINGS SUPPLIED

Standard accessories:

N° 1 Rubber sampling hose

N° 3 Exhaust pipe connectors

N° 1 Ballast bag

N° 1 220 VAC mains lead

N° 1 Battery mains lead

N° 1 Calibration filter (preinstalled).

N° 1 Infrared remote control device (without battery)

N° 1 RPM probe

N° 1 This manual

Optional Accessories:

Oil temperature probe

3 KEYPAD AND LEDS

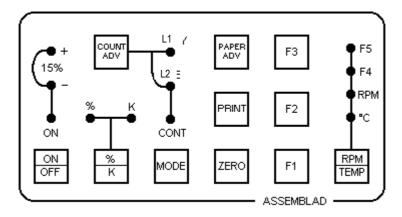


Figure 5

Description:

ON/OFF

This key switches the smoke meter on and off. It only functions if the ON led is lit. The key is timed at about 0.5 seconds to prevent inadvertent switching. Each time the instrument is turned on, the smoke meter automatically goes through a self-test and setting procedure (the messages concerning instrument status are either printed or shown on the display).

%/K

Use this key to display smoke values, that is in terms of percentage on a 00.0% to 99.9% scale, or with the K (m-1) factor. The form you select is confirmed by the % and K LEDs. The machine is automatically in the % mode when it is switched on.

MODE

Use this key to set the desired measuring mode. You can select from: CONT, L1 or L2. Your selection will be shown on the respective led CONT, L1, L2. When measuring in the L1 or L2 modes, the MODE key is inhibited by the program; it will only be released if you give a clear or PRINT command when measuring is completed. The machine is automatically in the CONT mode when it is switched on.

COUNT ADV

Use this key to increment measurements in the L1 or L2 modes. The measuring increment is timed for 5 seconds to prevent program skips if you do not press the key properly.

ZERO

Use this key to clear the measurement in progress and recover the initial drift after the pre-heating phase. Press this key each time you start a new measuring procedure During this phase the smoke meter will clean out gases from the chamber and recheck the settings. PRINT Press this key to if you want a print-out of the results of a

measurement. If the machine is in the CONT mode you can print at any time. If it is in the L1 or L2 mode it will only print after having completed the number of measurements required for the test. After printing, press the ZERO key for proceed with the next

measurement.

PAPER ADV Use this key to advance the printer paper. If you keep the key

depressed as you press the ON/OFF key (switching on the smoke

meter) you will obtain a function TEST of the printer.

RPM/TEMP Use this key to select the function for display temperatures or

RPM counter. When the machine is turned on it goes to chamber temperature mode. To calculate engine RPMs, multiply the value

shown on the display by ten (RPM x 10).

F1 / F2 / F3 Function key for settings

<u>Settings Using Combinations of Function Keys</u>:

Here are the key combinations to use for certain settings. A plus sign (+) between key designators means that you have to press both keys at the same time.

In any event, after pressing the desired combination of keys, press the F2 key to decrease the current displayed value set (that you can see on the TEMP/RPM display) or F3 to increase it. Then press F1 to confirm the current setting.

You can only access these settings when the machine is in the CONT mode.

F1 UNIT OF MEASUREMENT (0=%, 1=K)

You can change the display during measurement by pressing the %/K key, but the printout and final display will be consistent with this setting (unless the selected type of measurement requires a

specific unit of measurement).

F1+F2 Modem status

0 = Inhibited, 1 = Active

F2+F3 SHOP MESSAGE (O=from EPROM, 1= from EEPROM)

The message from eprom is fixed, while the one from eeprom can be defined by a personal computer that is connected to the

instrument via the serial port.

F1+F3 CLOCK SETTING

See the appropriate section of this manual.

F2+PRINT (###) Display of the chamber's internal differential pressure

%/K + COUNT ADV

Entering the maximum allowed limit for the opacity.

This value is printed in the test report and it is used by the smoke-meter in order to evaluate if the vehicle's test is passed. The value is expressed in K x 100 and its admitted range is from

000 to 490 (K from 0 to 4.9) in step of 10 units (0.1 K).

If the value 000 is entered, the printout will leave the user free for

handwriting the value.

The following settings should be used by authorized personnel only and only when the instrument give manifest wrong values for temperatures.

ZERO + F1 + COUNT ADV

Chamber Temperature Calibration (###)

In case of wrong values shown it's possible to recalibrate the sensor by entering the current true value (in °C) measured by means of a reference thermometer placed inside the chamber.

ZERO + F2 + COUNT ADV

Oil Temperature Calibration (###)

In case of wrong values shown it's possible to recalibrate the sensor by entering the current true value (in °C) measured by means of a reference thermometer placed near the probe.

ZERO + F3 + COUNT ADV

Smoke's Temperature Calibration (###)

In case of wrong values shown it's possible to recalibrate the sensor by entering the current true value (in °C) measured by means of a reference thermometer placed near smoke inlet.

The LEDS:

ON

When this LED is lit the smoke meter is connected to the vehicle's battery or the 220VAC mains power supply. If the device is connected to the mains, the switch on the back has to be set to ON, the smoke meter is ready to be switched on.

+15%

The power supply to the smoke meter is above the rated value, if it is not corrected this can damage the smoke meter or impact the results of the measurements.

-15%

The power supply to the smoke meter is below the rated value, if it is not corrected this can alter results of the measurements or yield a printout with a pre-depression error signal.

%

The smoke measurements on the display are expressed in percentage terms.

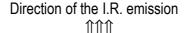
K

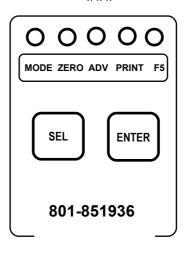
The smoke measurements on the display are expressed according to the K(m-1) factor.

CONT		The CONTINUOUS mode has been selected for measuring smoke values.
L1		The smoke values will be measured in accordance with L1 mode.
L2		The smoke values will be measured in accordance with L2 mode.
C°	(§§)	The green TEMP/RPM display shows the temperature in the measuring chamber. (This temperature on OPA-391 is not significant because the chamber is without heating in this equipment).
RPM		The green TEMP/RPM display shows the number of engine revolutions. Make sure that the sensor is corrected connected to the diesel fuel delivery tube on a cylinder and that the plug is fitted into the appropriate connector on the back of the device. To calculate the number of engine revolutions multiply the number on the display by 10 (RPMx10).
F4	(§§)	The green TEMP/RPM display shows the temperature of the gas entering the measuring chamber.
F5	(§§)	The green TEMP/RPM display shows the motor oil temperature. Make sure that the oil probe is properly connected inside the oil-checking rod (dip-stick), and that plug is fitted into the appropriate connector on the back of the device.

4 INFRARED REMOTE CONTROL

The ASSEMBLAD cod. 801-851936 remote control is a microprocessor based device and it is designed to operate in conjunction with the Smoke meters of both '189' and '391' series. It is biased by a 9 Volts alkaline battery installed in the rear side, behind the small slide cover.







Keys and lamps of remote control

Operating notes

- 1- Press the key 'SEL'. One of the five functional LEDs will be lightened, in particular the last one selected.
- 2- If the requested function is different from the selected one, press again the key 'SEL' until the needed function LED is lightened.
- 3- Press the key 'ENTER' being careful to direct the Infrared emission spot towards the receiver installed in the front of the instrument.
- 4- After few seconds with no key entered, the remote control will switch off itself in sleep mode keeping in its memory the last function used.

If the device is not used for a long time, it is advisable to remove the battery in order to avoid damages to the device due to chemical components flowing out from the battery.

5 STARTING THE SMOKE METER

5.1 POWER SUPPLY CONNECTIONS

Select the power supply for the smoke meter. Usually 220 VAC mains power is used. If it is not available, connect the smoke meter to the battery of the vehicle being tested, or to a fully-charged shop battery.

MAINS POWER SUPPLY

Connect the smoke meter to a 220 VAC outlet using the cable supplied with the device; set the switch on the back to ON. The ON LED on the keypad with will light up (if you set the switch to OFF, the LED will go out very slowly).

BATTERY POWER SUPPLY

Connect the smoke meter to a 12V battery using the cable that is supplied with the device. Make sure that the cable is properly inserted and screwed into the round connector on the back of the device before connecting the battery. Check polarity as you connect to the battery: Red clip = Positive, Black clip = Negative. The smoke meter is protected against inversions, but be careful when making these connections. As soon as the battery cable is connected the ON LED will light up, irrespectively of the back switch position.

5.2 START-UP

When the ON LED is lit, press the ON/OFF key. The smoke meter will now switch on, and go through a series of selftest and setting procedures automatically. The self-test series consists of several steps; you can see the following ones:

- a) All the displays will read 8
 All the LEDs are lit.
- b) The displays will all read zero, except for N° TEST that will read 1. The ON, %, CONT, C° LEDS will remain lit, the printer will start a message.
- c) The N° TEST display will read 2.
 The two other displays will blink on zero, the printer will stop.
- d) All the displays will read zero.
 The printer will complete its message.
- e) The display will show the chamber temperature (if below 45°). The smoke display will show a value around zero, oscillating by a few units. (The initial oscillation is due to the intrinsic stabilization of the filament, and will continue for a few minutes after the device is turned on).

Select the unit of measure (%/K key).

Select the measurement mode using the MODE key (CONT is the default).

Press the ZERO key to clear the smoke values from the display The display will blink during the automatic clearing phase. Clearing may not work the first time, therefore, repeat the procedure until you get zero (the value should not be higher than 00.5%).

Set the RPM/TEMP key to display one of three (§§) available temperature readings (chamber, gas, oil), or engine revolutions (RPMs).

<u>NOTE</u>: If any problems occur during this initialisation procedure such as inadequate settings, defects inside the machine, etc., the smoke meter will go into the alarm mode and will send messages via the printer specifying the type of problem and, whenever, possible how to solve it. If the problem is more difficult, all the displays and leds will blink at the same time (see error section).

5.3 PREPARATION FOR MEASUREMENTS

Bring the engine to its normal operating temperature.

Fit the hose into the 19 mm fitting on the back of the measuring chamber. Connect the other end of the hose onto the vehicle's exhaust pipe using one of the three metal fittings supplied with the instrument (small probe with the conical fitting for pipes with diameters up to 35 mm; medium probe for pipes with diameters of 35 to 80 mm, big probe for exhaust pipes with diameters exceeding 80 mm).

Use the ballast to prevent engine's vibrations from shaking the hose loose during testing.

5.4 MESSAGES AT START-UP

When you turn on the instrument the printer will issue a message like this:

SMOKE METER
ASSEMBLAD OPA-391/HF
S/N ABXXXXXX
ver. x.xx
SELF CALIBRATION AND
TESTING IN PROGRESS

Which means that self-testing and self-setting are in progress.

After this first message, the machine will complete all the internal tests as required by the program. Then, if everything is in proper order, the printer will continue with:

SELFTEST = OK SELFCALIBRATION = OK DATE xx/xx/xx TIME xx:xx

If any errors or other malfunctions are found, the printer will send a message specifying the problem and, if possible, how to solve it.

6 SMOKE MEASUREMENTS

6.1 CONTINUOUS SMOKE MEASUREMENT

When the smoke meter is switched on it is automatically ready to work in this mode.

Measurements are continuous in the sense that the smoke values of the gases are shown continuously, the value on the display is the direct opacity of smoke.

This type of measurement is particularly useful in bench tests, since it shows the smoke values as they rise and fall.

The print-outs of these results do not have any legal value since the reading is an absolute result and not the results of an average of readings taken according to specific standards.

6.2 MEASURE OF OPACITY WITH L1 PROCEDURE.

This method makes it possible to work in accordance with the requirements of the DM 628. To take measurements follow the procedure described below:

Set the CONT Mode and select the limit value K applicable to the vehicle under test, then set the L1 Mode.

Make the setup, settings and measures as described for L2 procedures (next paragraph) from point b) to k).

When you have reached the stabilized average press the PRINT key, the printer will give the data on smoke levels obtained during the measurements performed, expressed in the K unit of measure, along with the max and the min number of RPMs for each acceleration, exhaust gas temperature, oil temperature, chamber temperature, chamber pressure, and finally the mean smoke value calculated.

The test is favourable when the values of last 4 measures has a maximum difference of 0.25 m⁻¹ and the average has a value lower than the limit value settled, or if the last 4 measures have values lower then limit value.

The maximum number of tests is 16, after you can push only the PRINT key to have the values of measure without average.

MEASURE OF OPACITY WITH L2 PROCEDURE

This method allows to operate in accordance with the prescriptions of Directive 1999/52/CE, the procedure for carrying out the measure is the following:

- a) Set the CONT Mode and select the limit value K applicable to the vehicle under test, then set the L2 Mode.
- b) Verify that the silencer is airtight. Introduce the oil temperature probe.
- c) The gears has to be neutral, engaged for the manual or semiautomatic transmission vehicles, with the lever in neutral position for the automatic transmission vehicles or according to the manufacturer instructions.
- d) Disconnect all parts that can influence the engine rotation at minimum regime, except when expressly prohibited by the manufacturer or by regulatory prescriptions.
- e) Engine has to be at normal operation temperature (oil temperature must be equal to or greater than 80°C).
- f) Introduce the probe into exhaust pipe up to 300 mms, if it is not possible opportunely prolong the exhaust pipe verifying the airtight of the connection.
- g) Press the ZERO key and wait for the zero resetting cycle to be finished.
- h) Press the COUNT ADV key (display will show N. 1). Perform a fast full power run by pushing the pedal down in 0,4 sec. and maintain it for 2 sec. (+1,-0), then release, maintaining the minimum regime for 3 sec. (+1,-0). The opacity display will show the maximum value reached by the opacity in such phase.
- i) Press the COUNT ADV key (display will show N. 2). Perform a fast full power run as described at point (h).
- j) Repeat instructions at points h) and i) until pressing the COUNT ADV key you will ear a prolonged sound that means that a favourable test has been reached, the average value will be showed on the opacity display.
- k) When the test is positive press the PRINT key. The printer output will give the result of the calculated average in accordance with the selected normative.
- I) Press ZERO key and wait for the zero resetting cycle.

The test is favourable when the average of the last 3 measures has a value lower than the limit value settled, if the average value is higher than the limit value the test is not considered negative.

The maximum number of tests is 8. However for the measures procedure and the elaboration of the data please refer to the actual normative.

If the average of the first 3 measures is greater than 50% of the limit settled the test will be stopped and the negative result will be showed.

If the Cell Test temperature result lower than 70°C the measure will be interrupted, a zero resetting will be performed and the anomaly pointed out.

A report with the smokemeter data, RPM, all measures, calculated average, result, environmental data and vehicle data will be printed.

6.4 REVOLUTION COUNTER

Introduction:

Detection of diesel engine rpm is a difficult operation because of the physical nature of the problem without any electrical signal to measure.

Generally the rpm circuits use a piezoelectric sensor to convert pressure variation on adduction diesel pipe into an electrical signal.

This system does not guarantee a good performance in all cases for the following reason:

- Impossible to connect the sensor cause inaccessible diesel pipe and position sensor problem.
- Excessive engine vibration that does not permit to detect correctly the signal.
- No standard engine injection pump.

Operating mode:

The RPM value is visualized on RPM/TEMP display.

- Verify the correct grounding connection of the electrical power supply connected to smoke meter.
- Push RPM/TEMP button until RPM led is on.
- Assure that adduction pipe diameter is equal to the piezo sensor one.
- Positioning the sensor on a straight part of pipe after a accurate cleaning, as close as possible to the injection pump, tighten strongly the sensor fixing screw.
- Connect the cable fast-on connector to the sensor, connect the cable crocodile to car battery pole ground connected, connect the cable DIN connector to the rpm socket on the back cover of smoke meter.
- Maintain the engine idle, verify reading on green display, the displayed value is rpm divided by 10.
- Accelerate verifying the correct value of rpm displayed.
- Proceed to measure according with the selected modality.

Troubleshooting:

If displayed rpm remain constantly zero:

- Verify rpm fuse on the back panel of the smoke meter:
- Verify perfect coincidence of the sensor diameter with diesel pipe diameter.
- Move the crocodile connector from car battery to diesel pipe, near sensor, or to several other ground connections.
- Slack lightly sensor fixing screw.

If displayed rpm remain constantly at 600:

- Verify electrical connection of rpm cable;
- Verify the correct grounding of the smoke meter.

If displayed rpm became instable during the acceleration:

- Verify that sensor is positioned on a straight part of pipe with low engine vibrations.
- Tighten strongly the sensor fixing screw.

6.5 TEMPERATURE READINGS

The TEMP/RPM display can show 3 different temperatures (§§): the exhaust gases, the measuring chamber (§§) and the motor oil (§§).

Select the temperature you want to see on the display by pressing the RPM/TEMP key, until the appropriate LED (°C- Chamber temp., F4- Gas Temp., F5-Oil Temp.) lights up.

The gas temperature sensor is an integrated circuit mounted on the inlet duct. You can inspect it by removing the two screws that hold the fastening plate in position.

The chamber temperature sensor (§§) is located inside the chamber insulation.

The oil temperature sensor (§§) is part of the probe that has to be put into the oil rod housing and be connected to the device with the fitting on the back of theunit.

6.6 PRESSURE/DEPRESSION MEASUREMENTS

The pressure sensor is of the differential type. It detects the difference in pressure between the measuring chamber and the outside environment.

It is mounted directly on the chamber output pipe so that vibrations affecting the chamber are damped.

The pressure sensor does not require any maintenance at all. NEVER use compressed air to clean it; pressures of only 0.3 Bar can damage the sensor.

Pressure or depression in the chamber at the time of measure ment is printed on the test results. Pressure or depression values exceeding 75 mm H20 are not allowed during the tests; if this occurs, the control device stops the smoke meter and transmits an error message on the printer.

7 INFPLUSWIN SOFTWARE

INFPLUSWIN is a software developed to run on a PC with Windows operative system installed. With InfplusWin it is possible to control the instrument and create reports.

7.1 INSTALLATION

To install the InfplusWin software, run the installation file "**infpluswin.exe**", this file can be downloaded from our web site.



The software will be copied on the hard disk into the default directory "InfplusWin" or in another directory that can be selected during the installation.

Once the installation has been completed run "InfplusWin.exe" in the "InfplusWin" directory or click on "InfplusWin" icon on the desktop.

7.2 INFPLUS-WIN FUNCTIONS

Before run InfplusWin check that the connection between the serial port COMx of the personal computer and the instrument, make sure the serial port COMx works properly. When InfplusWin start a Main Menu will appear with 4 control keys, the menu selection and the ASSEMBLAD logo.



InfplusWin has the following default communication parameters set:

Port: COM1
Baud Rate: 9600
Word: 8 bits
Stop: 1 bit
Parity: None

If the default serial port number or the baud rate value are not the ones used by the PC serial port, change them entering in the set-up section with the "F4" command.

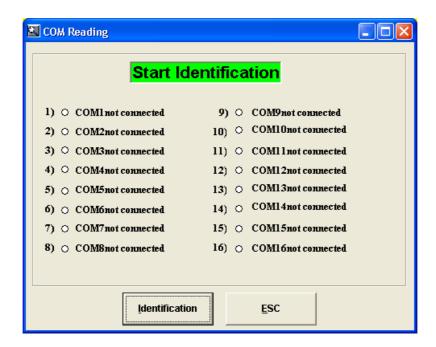
ATTENTION!: other parameters cannot be changed.

It's possible to enter in the smokemeter section with the command **OPA**. If an error message appears or the system responds very slowly check again the serial connection and the parameters.

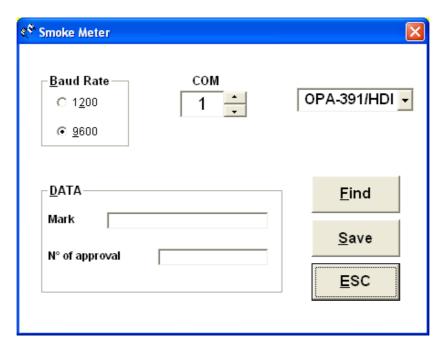
7.3 MENU SECTION

Select **User** and **Environmental Data** in the **Utility** menu to set the values that will be written in the report. The User data must be set in the installation and when there are some variation, The environmental data must be set more times each day

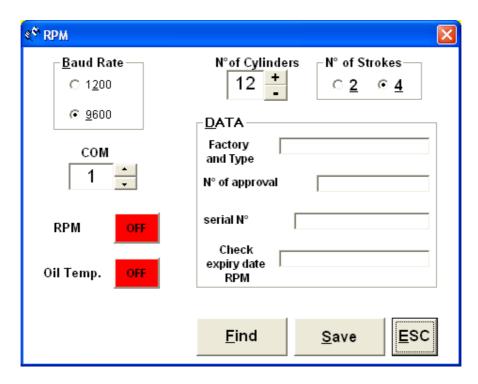
With the selection "COM Reading" in the Utility menu you will enter into the function that can be used to scan for Assemblad instruments connected to the PC and the COM ports available.



Select **Opa**, **Set-Up** to open the window where it's possible to enter the communication parameters



After the selection of the Baud Rate, the COM port number and the instrument model, pressing the button **Find** the data related to the instrument will appear in the text fields (it's also possible to enter these data manually using the PC keyboard), then pressing the button **Save** these data will be saved.



Select **RPM**, **Set-Up** to open the window where it's possible to enter the communication parameters for the revolution counter.

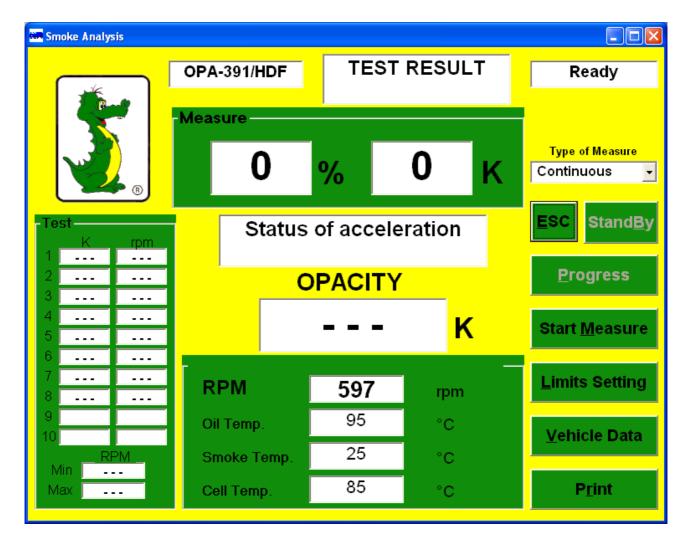
The RPM value can be detected in the following modes:

Internal RPM – set to **OFF** the keys **RPM** and **Oil Temp**. (referred to an external RPM meter), set the **COM** value equal to the one of smoke meter, push the key **Find** to acquire automatically the instrument data, push the key **Save** to memorize the data and the settings

External RPM connected to the RPM connector in the rear panel - set to **OFF** the keys **RPM** and **Oil Temp.** in the four DATA windows write the instrument data, push the key **Save** to memorize the added data

External RPM connected to a PC serial port – set the key **RPM** to **ON** and the key **Oil Temp.** to **ON** if you have the oil temperature sensor connected to the external RPM, otherwise to **OFF**, set the **COM** value were is connected the RPM counter, push the key **Find** to acquire automatically the instrument data, if they are not received, write them in the DATA windows, push the key **Save** to memorize the data and the settings

7.4 SMOKEMETER SECTION



In this section the following fields are displayed:

- three windows with the model type, the test result and the smokemeter status;
- a field to select the measure type;
- all the measurements performed by the smokemeter;
- an user messages field;
- a final opacity result field;
- 10 intermediate result fields;
- a button to switch OPA-391 in the StandBy or in the Measure mode ("StandBy");
- a button to proceed with a manual test ("Progress");
- a button to start and stop the measure ("Start Measure");
- two buttoms to set the test limits (through the button "<u>Limits Setting</u>") and the vehicle manufacture data (through the button "<u>Vehicle Data</u>");
- a button to print the test report (" Print");

All functions are available clicking with the **mouse** on the buttons, or through the keyboard pressing **ALT** + "the underline letter" simultaneously. To exit from a section click "x" on the right upper corner using the mouse or press **ALT+F4** or **ESC**. To select a different measurement type select the corresponding field with the **mouse** or press **TAB** until the field is selected, select a value using **ARROWS KEYS** and press **SPACE** to confirm.

SMOKEMETER STATUS

There is a Status field in the upper right side of the window that describes the status of the smokemeter in the following way:

Heating: Smokemeter in warming **StandBy**: Smokemeter in stand-by

Autozero: Smokemeter in autocalibration **Measure**: Smokemeter in measure mode **Error**: fatal error in the Smokemeter

ERROR X: error in the Smokemeter (X is a number that identify the error type)

ERROR COM: Communication with the Gas Analyzer not available

MEASURE SELECTION

With this selection it's possible to select the type of measure to carry out. There are 5 type of measure:

- 1. **Continuous**: with this selection is possible to carry out diagnosis on the vehicle.
- 2. **RPM**: with this selection is possible to carry out a test where each acceleration start when the RPM lower limit (RPMmin) is exceeded, the peak acquisition start when the RPM upper limit (RPMmax) is exceeded and the duration is 4 sec., after 4 sec. the acceleration stops when the RPM come back below RPMmin. Before run a new acceleration RPM must remain at least 3 sec. below RPMmin.
- 3. **Smoke Limits**: with this selection is possible to carry out a test where each acceleration and peak acquisition start when the Opacity Limit is exceeded, acquisition duration is 4 sec., after that the acceleration stop when go back below the Opacity Limit Before run a new acceleration RPM must remain at least 3 sec. below RPMmin.
- 4. **Time**: with this selection each acceleration is defined by time. You must remain at minimum RPM for 3 sec., after that you must go to maximum RPM in 1 sec. and remain there for 4 sec., in this period there's the peak acquisition. Then go back to minimum RPM in 1 sec. and maintain it for 3 sec. before run a new acceleration.
- 5. **Manual**: with this selection you will pass from an acceleration to another with the button "Progress";

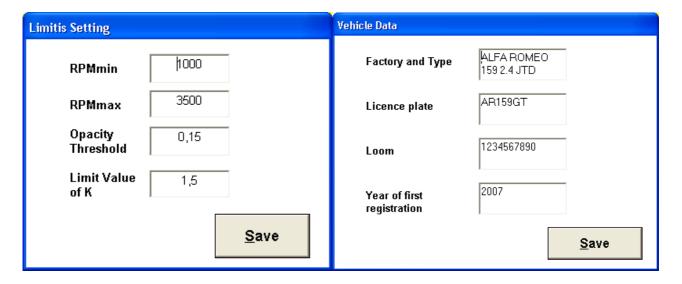
Each measure type has a duration that depends on the test result as described in this manual. At the end of each test the result will be displayed in the related field and a final report can be printed.

The software is continuously improved, in this menu may be some others choices.

MEASURES

In these screen the smokemeter shows the measures performed. The '**Out**' string means that an over-range value has been detected, while '---' means that the data is not available. If the temperature goes below 70°C the field "Cell Temp" becomes red.

SUB FORMS LIMITS AND VEHICLE DATA



In the form "Limit setting" the following values are showed:

- **RPMmin**: in the **RPM** mode is the maximum value of the engine speed for the minimum rate;
- RPMmax: in the RPM mode is the value of the engine speed to go over to start the speed-up;
- Opacity Threshold: is the opacity limit in the Smoke Limits mode to start the speed-up;
- **Limit Value of K**: is the maximum K value of the opacity, the average must be lower than this value in order to pass the test;

In the form "Veihicle data" the vehicle data can be entered, they will be printed in the final report.

All values and strings can be entered manually selecting the relevant fields with the mouse or with the **TAB** key and using the keyboard.

MESSAGE WINDOW

In this window are displayed both operative and error messages, they enable the interface between the smokemeter and the user. The user found here the messages to perform the test.

TEST RESULT WINDOW

In this window the test result can be read at the end of the measure if the **Continuous** mode has not been selected; if the test is <u>passed</u> the window background becomes <u>green</u> and the label shows "<u>TEST OK</u>" while if the test is <u>not passed</u> the window background becomes <u>red</u> and the label shows "<u>TEST KO</u>".

INTERMEDIATE TEST RESULTS WINDOW

The peak values for each acceleration are displayed; in the bottom part the minimum and maximum RPM values measured during the test are displayed.

FINAL OPACITY VALUE WINDOW

The average value is displayed; it represents the final test result.

STANDBY

With the button "**StandBy**" the smokemeter goes in the Stand-By mode. To perform the test the smokemeter must <u>not</u> be in the Stand-By mode.

START MEASURE

Pressing the button "Start Measure" the instrument calibration will begin, in the status window is reported Autozeroing, when the smokemeter goes back in the measure status in the status window is reported Ready

If the "**Continuous**" mode has been selected the instrument will read the values continuously without compare them with the limits entered and without peak detection. If another mode has been selected, after the calibration, a test will start accordingly with the mode as described in the paragraph MEASURE SELECTION.

MANUAL MODE

With the button "Progress" the test will be carried out manually. This button is active only in manual mode.

PRINT A TEST REPORT

It's possible to print a test report with the button "Print". The printout will be sent to the Windows default printer.

Once the test is finished it's possible to print more than one report until a new test start.

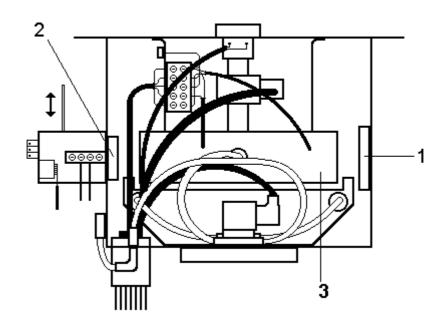
8 MAINTENANCE

8.1 CLEANING THE MEASURING CHAMBER

To clean the measuring chamber, proceed as follows:

- 1 Switch off the smoke meter and disconnect it from all power supplies.
- 2 Open the hinged cover on top of the smoke meter.
- 3 Remove the cover from the measuring chamber.
- 4 Moisten a piece of cotton with denatured alcohol and clean the mirror (1) and the two glass plates (2) on the photoelectric cell.
- We do not recommend using compressed air to clean the chamber. However, sometimes it may be necessary to blow some air to remove soot. Pressure, leaving the gun should never exceed 2/3 bar.

HIGHER PRESSURES CAN CAUSE PERMANENT DAMAGE TO THE DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE SENSOR.



8.2 PRINTER

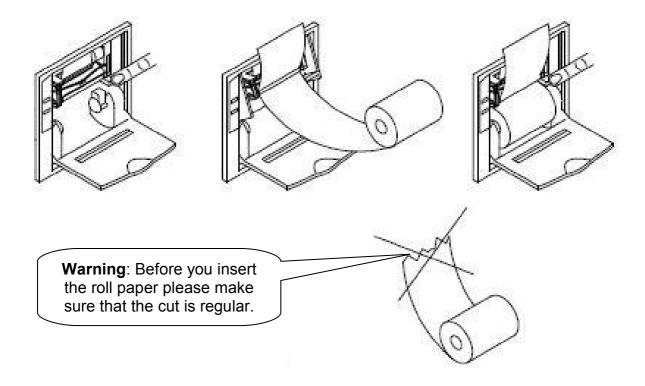
To test the printer proceed as follows:

with the smoke meter switched off, press the FEED KEY, while keeping it pressed, switch on the smoke meter using the ON/OFF key. The printer will send a message showing the settings and available characters; when this message is completed it can resume normal operations.

PAPER ROLL REPLACEMENT

To replace the paper roll make the following operations:

- Open the printer door and push the holder of the printer mechanism were is written PUSH.
- Insert the end of the paper in the mouth of the printer mechanism and place the paper roll, keep the right side as showed in figure.
- The paper is dragged automatically for about 3 centimetres.
- Cut the paper and close the door.



8.3 CALENDAR-CLOCK

The calendar setting will remain stable over long periods even if the smoke meter is not powered. This is because the calendar-clock device kept in the stand-by mode by an accumulator.

If smoke-meters still several days turned off, the accumulator may discharge, if so turn on the instrument, set the clock and let the smoke meter powered.

Setting/correcting date and time settings:

Press F1 and F3 contemporaneously to enter the set/correct mode, then use keys F1 and F2 for all the functions.

F1 Selects and confirms the date setting and lets you go on to the next setting. The settings are shown on the N°TEST display:

TEST: O = Wait
TEST: 1 = Year
TEST: 2 = Month
TEST: 3 = Day
TEST: 4 = Hour
TEST: 5 = Minutes

F2 Moves the set value ahead one digit at a time (for fast advance, keep the key pressed down).

The value is displayed on TEMP/RPM.

Example:

Press F1+F3: All displays read zero
 Press F1: Display N°TEST = 1 (year)

- Press F2: Display TEMP = from 00 to 99 (year)

- Press F1: Confirm preceding step and start next phase.

Display N°TEST = 2(month)

- Press F2: Display TEMP = from 01 to 12 (month

- Press F1: Confirm.....

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- Press F1: Confirm everything and return to normal functions

8.4 REPLACING FUSES

The smoke meter is equipped with two types of fuses: 0.5A/250 (5x20) for protections towards the 220VAC mains, and 2A/250 (5x20) to protect the halogen lamp circuit. The 0.5A/250 fuse is located in the filter/power switch unit. To replace it:

- disconnect the smoke meter from the 220V AC power supply.
- use your finger or a small screwdriver to remove the fusecarrier housing located above the power plug.
- pull out the fuse and replace it with a new one.
- replace the fuse carrier.
- close the snap on cover.

The 2A/250 fuse is located on the power supply card (situated horizontally at the back of the smoke meter); to replace it:

- switch off the smoke meter and disconnect it from the power supply.
- raise the hinged door on the cover.
- raise the protective cover.
- removed the blown fuse and replace it with a new one.
- replace the cover.

8.5 REPLACING THE HALOGEN LAMP

To replace the lamp on the photoelectric cell, proceed as follows:

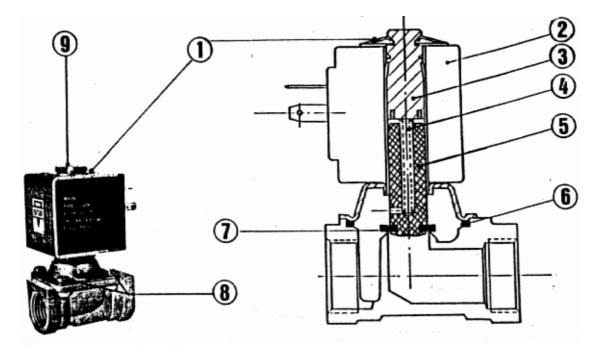
- 1 Switch off the smoke meter.
- 2 Open the hinged door on top of the smoke meter.
- 3 Use the 3 mm Allen key supplied with the device to loosen the two screws (7) that support the lamp holder's fastening plate.
- 4 Replace the lamp with another 6V 10W halogen lamp; we recommend OSRAM HALO STAR N.64410 or (S).
- 5 Insert the lamp into the shoe as centrally as possible.
- 6 Clean the lamp with denatured alcohol before you put it into the photoelectric cell (dirt or grease will drastically reduce the service life of all halogen lamps).
- Put the fastening plate back onto the photoelectric cell; make sure that the lampholder is properly guided and fastened into position by the two pointed screws (their length is preset in the factory and must not be adjusted).
- 8 Replace the two Allen screws and tighten securely.
- 9 Switch on the smoke meter.
- 10 Recalibrate the instrument.

8.6 SMOKE-INTERCEPT SOLENOID VALVE MAINTENANCE

If the smoke meter is not used for long periods, and especially after heavy work cycles, the solenoid valve may not open. This is due to the fact that, after the deposited gases have dried, they hold back the seals restraining the core (7). In this case the smoke meter can give an error signal or the display will read zero throughout the various tests.

A firm tap on the fitting for exhaust gas input (see Fig.2, item 2), on the head (9) or on the brass body is usually sufficient to start the solenoid valve working again. If this does not work, or each time you want to clean the solenoid valve circuits, proceed as follows:

- a) disconnect the smoke meter from the mains or battery power supply.
- b) open the measuring chamber.
- c) loosen the 4 screws (8), to access each one, rotate the coil (2) on its own axis. (The coil can only be removed if you first release the cup spring (1), but this is usually not necessary).
- d) raise the coil/pin unit.
- e) clean all the internal parts with a brush and compressed air at medium pressure (1-2 Atm).
- f) reassemble.



- 1) Cup spring
- 3) Guide unit
- 5) Core
- 7) Seal

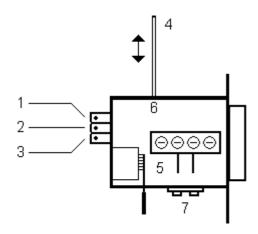
- 2) Coil
- 4) Core return spring
- 6) OR Gasket
- 8) Screws M4x10

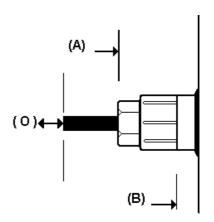
8.7 HOW TO CHECK THE CALIBRATION OF THE SMOKEMETER

Along with the smoke-meter an embedded optical filter with a well known absorption factor is supplied. In order to check the proper operation of the equipment proceed as follows:

- Clean all optical parts with care
- Switch on the equipment. After that the following indicators must be lightened : ON, %, CONT, °C.
- Wait for the end of the initial drift for about 15 minutes
- Do a zeroing using the ZERO key
- Insert the embedded filter till the position referred as "(B)"
- Look at the opacity display and verify this value against the nominal value of the filter as written in the calibration certificate issued along with the manual. The maximum allowed deviation is of the \pm 1,0 %.
- If a bigger deviation is found the Technical Service must be invoked as the recalibration with three sample filters is required.
- Introducing the embedded filter till the position referred as "(A)" should generate an opacity value of 99.9%.

IMPORTANT: never clear the smoke meter with the filter inserted.





- (1) Full light regulation
- (2) Dark level regulation
- (3) Mean level regulation
- (4) Embedded optical filter
- (5) Light sensor device
- (6) Filter housing
- (7) Lamp holder

8.8 HOW TO RECALIBRATE WITH SAMPLE FILTERS (###)

The following operations are needed in order to recalibrate the equipment (fig. 4.2).

- Remove the top panel of the smokemeter then the top panel of the measuring chamber and proceed with cleaning all the optical parts.
- Switch on the smokemeter. Be careful when operating inside the instrument as there are inside some dangerous voltages.
- Do the dark level tuning then the full light tuning according to their releative paragraphes.
- Wait for the end of the initial drift for about 15 minutes
- Do an autozeroing using the ZERO key then set the measuring unit as in K.
- Insert in sequence the three sample filters and look at the value shown for the opacity. They should indicate the same values written on the filters with a tolerance of \pm 0.1 K then press the key PRINT for getting the calibration report after each insertion.
- In case of a not accurate reading recalibrate the smokemeter through the trimmer (3), then when the match is done remove the filter and do an autozering through the key ZERO waiting for its completion.
- Repeat the same procedure until all the three readings are included in the allowed range.
- Do not make in any case an autozeroing when there's a filter inserted
- Close the chamber with its panel and set the top cover of the instrument.

8.9 DARK LEVEL REGULATION (###)

In order to check the right voltage level proceed as follows (fig. 4.2):

- Remove the top panel of the smokemeter then the top panel of the measuring chamber proceed being careful when operating inside the instrument as there are inside some dangerous voltages.
- Connect the + terminal of a multimeter to the test point TP2 of the measuring board then the - terminal to the ground test point TP7 with the multimeter set as for DC Voltages.
- Switch on the smokemeter. The LEDs ON, %, CONT and °C should be lit.
- Wait for the end of the initial drift for about 15 minutes
- Do an autozeroing using the ZERO key and wait for its completion
- Insert the embedded optical filter (4) in the apposite slot (6) as shown in fig. 4.1 mentioned as "Verifica a".
- Look at the opacity display. It should indicate 99.9 % (or 9.99 1/m)
- If the reading of the multimeter is lower than 50 mV or greater than 200 mV regulate the trimmer (2) in such a way to get 100 mV, then let the filter return back in its idle position.
- Do an autozeroing using the ZERO key and wait for its completion, then check again the indication of the multimeter
- Do not make in any case an autozeroing when there's a filter inserted
- Close the chamber with its panel and set the top cover of the instrument.

8.10 FULL LIGHT REGULATION (###)

In order to check the right voltage level proceed as follows (fig. 4.2):

- Remove the top panel of the smokemeter then the top panel of the measuring chamber proceed being careful when operating inside the instrument as there are inside some dangerous voltages.
- Connect the + terminal of a multimeter to the test point TP2 of the measuring board then the - terminal to the ground test point TP7 with the multimeter set as for DC Voltages.
- Switch on the smokemeter. The LEDs ON, %, CONT and °C should be lit.
- Wait for the end of the initial drift for about 15 minutes
- Do an autozeroing using the ZERO key and wait for its completion
- Look at the opacity display. It should indicate 00.0 % (or 0.00 1/m)
- If the reading of the multimeter is different from 4.3 regulate the trimmer (1) in such a way to get 4.3 Volts.
- Do an autozeroing using the ZERO key and wait for its completion, then check again the indication of the multimeter
- Do not make in any case an autozeroing when there's a filter inserted
- Close the chamber with its panel and set the top cover of the instrument.

8.11 PROGRAM FOR PERIODIC MAINTENANCE UTILITY

The serial port meets the RS-232 standards and permits dialogue between the device and a Personal Computer.

Some operations are uniquely achievable by Personal Computer running the "Periodic Maintenance Utility", which is a DOS program.

In order to install the "Periodic Maintenance Utility" on your computer please make a new directory named "A391" then copy there all the contents of the enclosed diskette.

Alternatively, run the installation batch typing

A:\install<ENTER>

After the installation, run the program typing A391<ENTER> from the DOS prompt. The menu below described will appear. The menu contains all operation you can do on the smoke meter.

At the top rightmost side the current PC's date and time is displayed.

Through the up/down arrows choose the operation you need to do then press the ENTER key. In the last row of the screen you could see a brief description of the currently selected operation. The operation displayed in reverse will be undertaken.

Before starting with any operation with the smoke-meter, please check if the serial port of your computer is properly configured in A391.

In order to do so, type the F6 key and the current working parameters will be displayed.

In particular, check if the right COMx port is selected and the working communication parameters are ok. The default parameters are the following:

8 bit, no parity, 9600 Baud (for software versions higher than or equal to 2.00)

OPA-391 / HF SMOKE METER Periodic maintenance utility **ASSEMBLAD** Offline 15/01/99 19:29 Factory setting data display Workshop customization Customization data displaying Date & Time setting **Current smokemeter Data & Time display** Entering new expiring date Entering the allowed K limit Temperature calibration Reinitialize the smoke meter Analog channels voltage level Create a remote connection Waiting for a remote call Printing a message on the analyzer **Back to DOS** Displaying the serial number registered

Warning: Operations marked with the symbol (###) are protected by password as only authorized personnel is enabled to do them

Factory setting data display

Shows the factory data of the smoke meter as the serial number and the software version

Workshop customisation

Allows to write 6 lines of 24 characters containing details about the workshop, as the Name, Address, Telephone and more.

These data will be printed in the test report by the smoke meter.

Customisation data displaying

Shows the Workshop details currently registered on the smoke meter.

Date & Time setting

The current PC's date and time will be transferred to the smoke meter.

Current smokemeter Date & Time display

Shows the current working date and time of the smoke meter.

Entering new expiring date (###)

The smoke meter prints in every report its expiring date.

Normally, the smoke meter should be checked and/or recalibrated every 12 months.

Through this function the technician updates the expiring date after his recalibration.

Entering the allowed K limit

It changes the internal reference of the opacity that the smoke meter uses in order to declare the test passed or not.

Temperature calibration (###)

Through this function, authorized technical people can calibrate all smoke meter's temperatures.

Reinitialise the smoke meter (###)

Through this function it's possible to restore the contents of the internal settings of the smoke meter as when it left the factory. All internal settings modified in a second time will be lost.

Analog channels voltage level

Shows the electrical level of internal analog channels for diagnostic purpose.

Create a remote connection

On developping.

Waiting for a remote call

On developping.

Printing a message on the analyzer

It simply prints a message on the smoke meter's printer.

Back to DOS

Exit the program.

9 ERRORS

During the Autosetting, Autotest and measuring phases the smoke meter can and does detect certain problems. The system software makes it possible to send the operator warning messages and in serious cases, to shut down the machine.

In some cases, the system reports the error and even suggests possible remedies. Typical error messages are:

ERROR O1
LIGHT SENSOR OUT RANGE
check the cleaning of
the optical parts

ERROR 02
EMITTER OUT OF ORDER
Check the lamp, light
sensor and fuse

ERROR 03
Measure of smoke is not according to the law
Pression in chamber
over 75mm H20

ERROR 04
Measure of smoke is not according to the law
Depression in chamber
over 75mm H20

The first two messages give possible remedies, for the other two the problem is caused by gas adduction, therefore the sampling point has to be shifted.

In addition, the computer system makes it possible to detect other errors that operator cannot resolve by yourself. This type of error sends a message via the printer, such as:

ERROR S.A.1. - call technical service ERROR S.A.2. - call technical service etc.

Function errors are indicated by the letters S.A. and a progressive number. When you call the technical service department give the complete error code, with the number.

<u>NOTE</u>: before calling the technical service department, switch off the smoke meter and check to make sure that all cables and wires are properly connected. Then, switch it on again and see if the error signal is still being given. If there error signal persists, call the technical service department.

10 APPENDIX

CONVERSION TABLE:

smoke readings expressed in percentages (%) and absorption factor k(m-1)

%	K[1/m]	% K[1/m]	%	K[1/m	1]
05,0	= 0,13	44,0 = 1,45	63,0	= 2,4	.9
10,0	= 0,26	45,0 = 1,49	64,0	= 2,5	5
15,0	= 0,41	46,0 = 1,54	65,0	= 2,6	2
20,0	= 0,55	47,0 = 1,59	66,0	= 2,7	0
25,0	= 0,71	48,0 = 1,63	67,0	= 2,7	7
30,0	= 0,89	49,0 = 1,68	68,0	= 2,8	5
31,0	= 0,93	50,0 = 1,73	69,0	= 2,9	13
32,0	= 0,96	51,0 = 1,78	70,0	= 3,0	1
33,0	= 1,00	52,0 = 1,83	71,0	= 3,0	9
34,0	= 1,03	53,0 = 1,89	72,0	= 3,1	8
35,0	= 1,07	54,0 = 1,94	73,0	= 3,2	27
36,0	= 1,11	55,0 = 2,00	74,0	= 3,3	37
37,0	= 1,15	56,0 = 2,05	75,0	= 3,4	6
38,0	= 1,19	57,0 = 2,11	76,0	= 3,5	7
39,0	= 1,23	58,0 = 2,17	77,0	= 3,6	7
40,0	= 1,28	59,0 = 2,23	78,0	= 3,7	'9
41,0	= 1,31	60,0 = 2,29	79,0	= 3,9	0
42,0	= 1,36	61,0 = 2,35	80,0	= 4,0)2
43,0	= 1,40	62,0 = 2,42	90,0	= 5,7	'6

Conversion : K = - (ln (1 - N / 100)) / LL = length of optical camera = 0,4

N = value in %

11 WARRANTY

- This device was built with care and carefully inspected before it left the factory. It is guaranteed for one year from the date of purchase by the final user.
- To enjoy full rights under this warranty and avoid the risk of invalidation, you must mail a copy of the Warranty Certificate to the factory within 10 days of the purchase date.
- The warranty covers all defects in materials.
- The warranty does not cover: wiring, probes, the remote control unit and the accessories.
- These items are subject to wear and their efficiency depends on how they are handled.
- The warranty does not cover damage caused by accidents, impact or dropping the instrument, or by negligence, improper use, non-compliance with the instructions and improper storage.
- If the device has such defects as to require technical service, you must return it to Assemblad or an authorized service centre. Shipping charges shall be covered by the customer.
- ASSEMBLAD, even supplying support on demand for the first installation of the equipment, disclaims any liability for damages and injuries caused, even to third parties, by an improper installation, maintenance, defective or unsafe electrical connections.
- Further, ASSEMBLAD disclaims any claim for damages from anyone due to a miss utilization of the equipment for any reason.
- The warranty shall immediately become invalid if the device shows any signs of tampering.
- The exclusive court of jurisdiction for any disputes arising from the application and/or interpretation of this warranty is the Court of Florence (Italy).

12 NOTE FOR THE USERS

The symbol of a "crossed" urban trash-bin is stamped on the equipment or on its box and it means that the product must be disposed into the appropriate collecting facility at the end of its life.

The disposal of the equipment will be managed by the producer. The user shall contact the producer and follow the method that has been implemented for collecting the appliance at the end of its life.

A correct waste disposal of the appliance and its subsequent treatment contributes to avoid serious environmental and health damages and allow the recycling of materials used into the equipment.

An incorrect waste disposal of the product is subject to administrative sanctions.

In accordance with art. 13 – D.L. 25 July 2005 – n. 151 for the Actuation of European Directives 2002/95/CE, 2002/96/CE and 2003/108/CE, related to reduction of dangerous substances in the electric appliance and to the waste disposal (RoHS RAEE).

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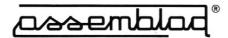
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