

# **PM-90**

## **Portable Single Gas Monitor**

### **Operator's Manual**



Thank you for choosing Metrosonics to meet your personal gas monitoring needs. The PM-90 is an extremely rugged, lightweight personal single-gas monitor for oxygen and one of five toxic gasses. It is our goal to make your decision to buy Metrosonics products the right one, and to provide support for any questions or concerns that might arise.

The purpose of this manual is to provide the user with the necessary information to operate the PM-90. The entire manual should be read to fully understand the many features this instrument offers.

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## Quick Start Reference Guide

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### 1. QUICK START REFERENCE GUIDE:

**Turn On:** 1. **Press & hold the I/O button** through the ON count to 3 until all items are shown in display.  
2. **Release the I/O button** and the display will show revision number, which sensor is installed, Confidence Chirp “CC” setting, Latching Alarm “LA” setting, remaining battery voltage, and finally “ZERO”.

**Zero:** 1. NOTE: Be sure the unit is in a fresh air environment! After turning the unit on, **press & release the I/O button** during the 5 seconds that “ZERO” is in the display.

**Run Mode:** 1. After turning the PM-90 on, the unit will enter the Run mode.

**OR**

2. To enter the Run mode from the Setup menu, **press & hold the down arrow for two seconds** until “LEVL” and the current concentration of gas are displayed.

**Setup:** 1. Turn the PM-90 on and enter the Run mode (see above section).  
2. **Press and hold the up arrow** for a 4 second SE countdown until display shows “PAS”. Then release up arrow. Enter the Password “157”.  
3. **Press the down arrow** to display CAL, HI LEVL, LO LEVL, STEL, and TWA alarm levels.  
4. To change an alarm level:  
a. **Press I/O** and the current alarm level will begin to flash.  
b. **Use the arrow buttons** to adjust the level displayed.  
c. When the level desired is displayed, press the I/O button.

**Calibrate:** 1. Turn the PM-90 on and enter the Run mode (see above section).  
2. **Press and hold the up arrow** for a 4 second SE countdown until display shows “PAS”. Then release up arrow. Enter the Password “157”.  
3. **Be sure the unit is in a fresh air environment!** With “ZERO CAL” in the display **press the I/O button** to zero the instrument.  
4. **Press the down arrow** to display “CAL” and press the I/O button. The display will now be flashing.  
5. Turn the calibration gas on. When the value in the display stops rising and stabilizes, **press the up or down arrows** until the displayed value matches the calibration gas concentration.  
6. When the displayed value matches the calibration gas concentration, **press the I/O button**. The display will stop flashing and the unit is calibrated.

**Turn Off:** 1. The PM-90 must be in Run mode to be turned off (see above).  
2. While in Run mode, **press & hold the I/O button** for the 5 second countdown, then the PM-90 will return to the RUN mode.

## 2. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The PM-90 is an extremely rugged, lightweight personal single gas monitor. Designed for today's demanding work environment, the unit features compact design, long battery life, and a loud pulsating alarm.

**WARNING:** *The PM-90 is a safety device intended for measurement of gases that may be hazardous to human health. It is very important that all users read and understand the operating manual and calibration procedures before using the instrument. The PM-90, like all gas detection instruments, should not be relied upon for use in potentially hazardous environments unless it has been both operationally checked and the calibration accuracy verified by using good quality test gas in accordance with the calibration instructions.*

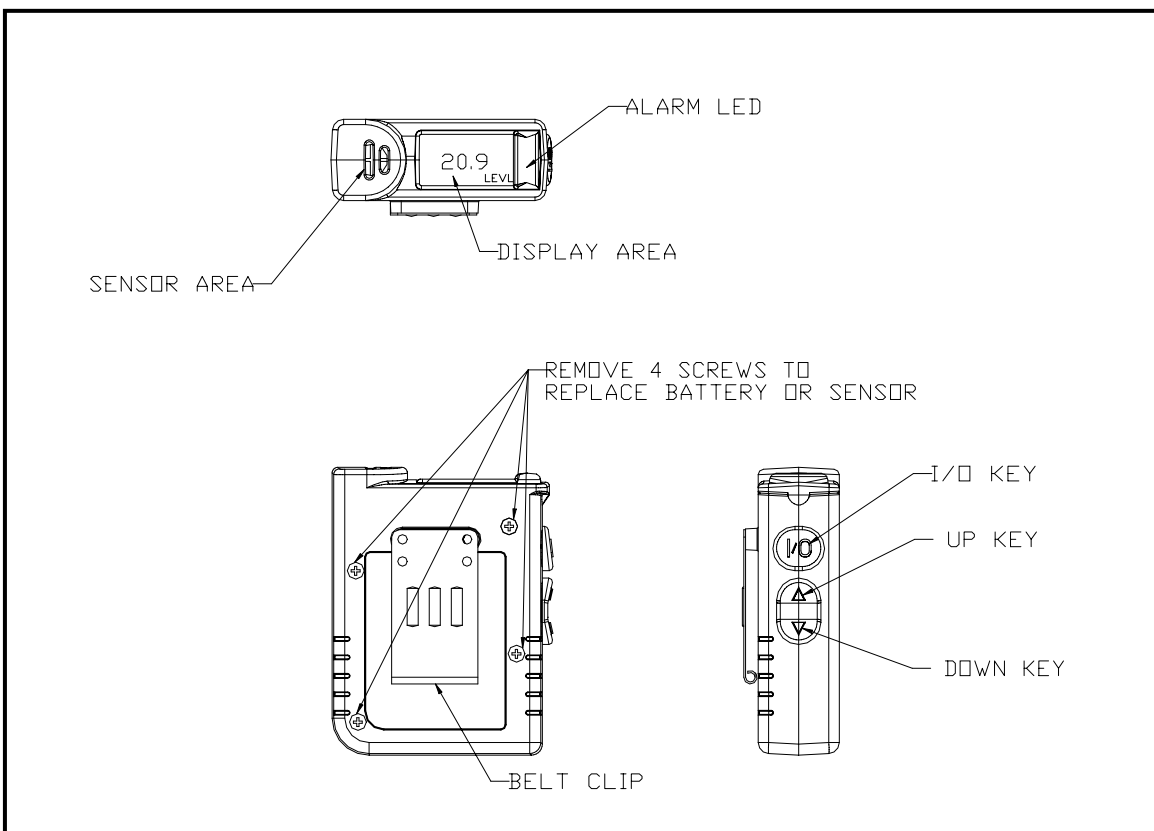


Figure 1. Unit Overview

## **Display Annunciators**

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### **3. DISPLAY ANNUNCIATORS**

#### **3.1 LEVEL**

This annunciator appears whenever the level measured by the sensor is shown, and when the HI, LO, STEL, and TWA alarm levels are being viewed in SETUP.

#### **3.2 TWA**

This annunciator, which stands for Time Weighted Average, is used when the unit contains a toxic gas sensor. The unit calculates the TWA by summing the one-second sensor readings, and then dividing this sum by the number of seconds in eight hours (28,800). It then compares the TWA to its alarm level, which is typically set to the maximum average concentration that an unprotected worker can be exposed to over an eight hour period. If this level is exceeded, the alarm activates and the TWA annunciator turns on.

#### **3.3 STEL**

The STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit) is the maximum average concentration of a toxic gas to which an unprotected worker may be exposed over any fifteen minute interval during a work period. The unit calculates the STEL by compiling fifteen one minute averages, and updates that average each minute after the initial fifteen minute exposure. If the STEL is reached or exceeded, the alarm activates, and the STEL annunciator turns on.

#### **3.4 PEAK**

The highest level of toxic gas or oxygen reached while the unit is on.

#### **3.5 CAL**

This annunciator appears during the setup mode when calibrating.

#### **3.6 ZERO**

This annunciator appears when in the ZEROing mode, after the unit is first turned on or when in the setup zero mode. **YOUR UNIT MUST BE ZEROED IN A CLEAN AIR ENVIRONMENT PRIOR TO CALIBRATION.**

**3.7 HI**

This annunciator appears when the high level alarm of a toxic gas or O<sub>2</sub> is reached.

**3.8 LO**

This annunciator appears when the low level alarm point of O<sub>2</sub> or the low (prealarm) point of a toxic gas is reached.

**3.9 BAT**

This annunciator appears whenever the battery voltage is displayed and when the unit goes into a low battery condition.

### 4. OPERATION

#### 4.1 Turning the Unit ON

Press and hold the I/O button. It will display On and count up for 3 seconds beeping once per second. After these 3 seconds all display segments and the alarm lights will light at which time the I/O button can be released.

*Note:* If the I/O button is released before completion of the 3 second count up the startup procedure will be terminated and the unit will shut off.

- 1. Firmware Revision:** The current version of firmware that runs the unit is displayed.
- 2. Sensor Type:** The chemical symbol for the type of sensor currently installed in the unit is displayed next.
- 3. Confidence Chirp:** The state (ON/OFF) of the confidence chirp is displayed as CC1 or CC0. The confidence chirp beeps once every 30 seconds. During this startup screen, the buzzer will sound.
- 4. Latching Alarm:** The state (ON/OFF) of the latching alarm is displayed as LA1 or LA0. With the latching alarm set to 1 the unit requires the press of any key to silence the alarm after the hazards go away. With the latching alarm set to 0 the alarm silences as soon as the hazard goes away. During this startup screen, the vibrating motor (if present) will pulse once.
- 5. Battery Voltage:** The battery voltage is displayed.

**Display BackLight:** The PM-90 is equipped with a backlight that will turn on for 5 seconds when any key is pressed or when the unit goes into alarm.

#### 4.2 Turning the Unit OFF

To turn off the PM-90, it must be in the Run Mode. Press and hold the I/O key until "oF5" appears. Keep depressing the key until the unit counts down to 0. The display will turn off, at which time you can release the key. If you release the key at any time during this countdown it will return to the Run Mode.

#### 4.3 Setup Mode

Access to the setup mode is protected by a fixed three-digit password. This password is 157.

To access Setup, the PM-90 must be in the Run Mode. Press and hold the UP key. The display will count down from 5 seconds until PAS is displayed.

**Note:** If the UP key is released before completion of the 5-second count is complete the unit will return to the Run Mode.

At that point release the key and the display will change to “-00”. Use the DOWN key to scroll through the numbers from 9 down to 0. Once you reach the number you want press I/O and the dash will move to the next digit. Repeat this process until the entire three-digit password appears on the display. Now when you press the I/O key, you will be in the setup mode and the display will change to the Calibration Zero screen.

Entering the wrong password or pressing the UP key anytime while in the password input screen will return the unit to the RUN mode.

In the Setup Mode the alarms can be set, the confidence chirp and latching alarm turned on or off, the unit can be calibrated and the sensor can be calibration zeroed (zeroed without any limits). The UP/DOWN keys are used to access the different settings.

To exit the Setup Mode and go to the Run Mode, press and hold the DOWN key for about 2 seconds until the alarm LED's flash, the alarm sounds, and the display reads LEVL.

### **4.3.1 Alarm Set**

Use the UP/DOWN keys to move to the desired alarm value that you wish to change. Press the I/O key to access that alarm value. The display will now flash. Use the UP/DOWN keys to change the value and the I/O key to accept the change. With an O<sub>2</sub> sensor installed, the alarm points are HI and LO LEVL. With a toxic sensor installed, the alarm points are HI LEVL, LO LEVL, STEL, and TWA.

### **4.3.2 Confidence Chirp Set**

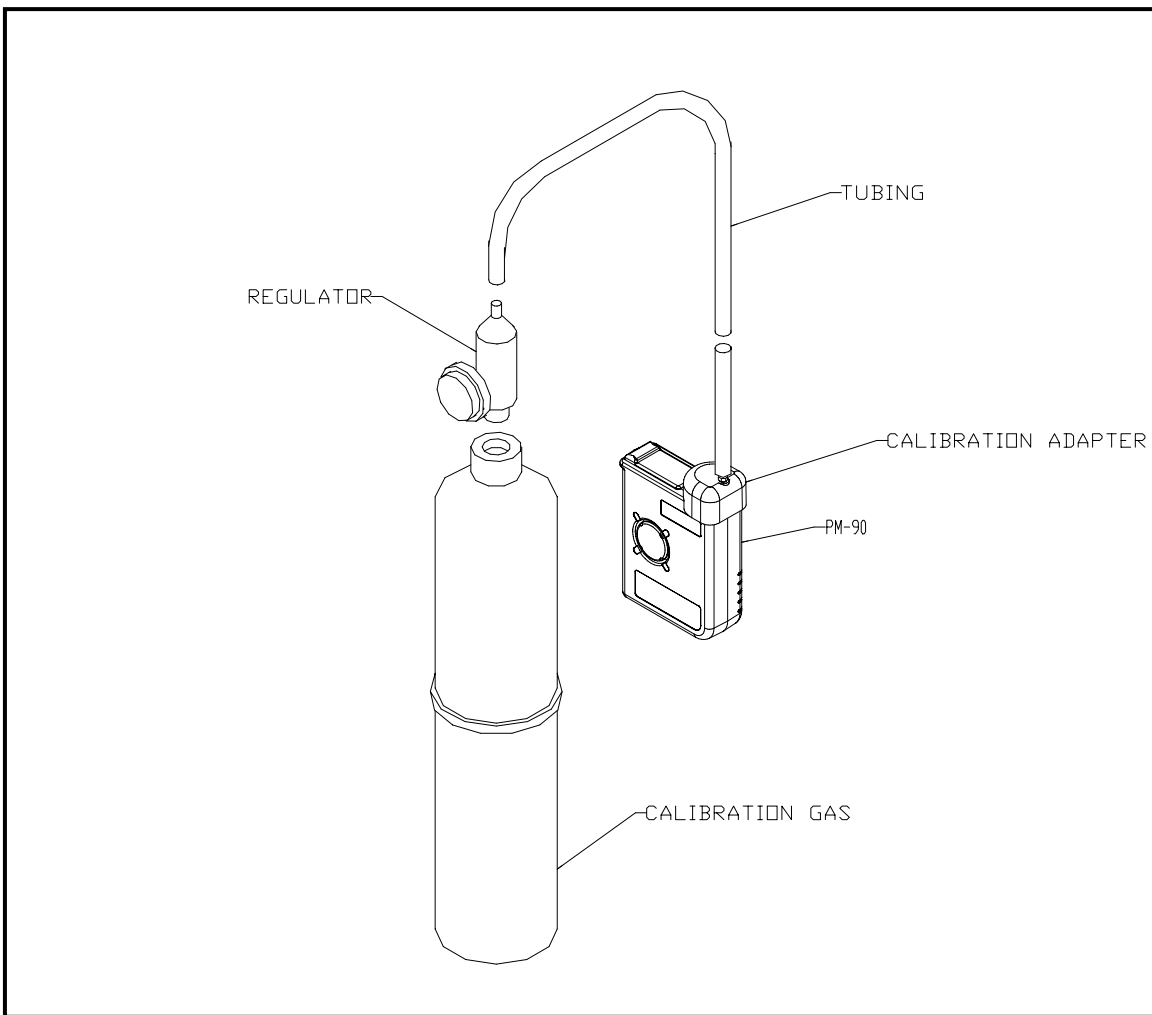
Use the UP/DOWN keys to access the confidence chirp setting. Then use the I/O key to change the setting, with CC1 meaning ON, and CC0 meaning OFF.

### **4.3.3 Latching Alarm Set**

Use the UP/DOWN keys to access the latching alarm setting. Then use the I/O key to change the setting, with LA1 meaning ON, and LA0 meaning OFF.

### **4.3.4 Calibration Zero**

Use the UP/DOWN keys to access ZERO CAL and the I/O key to zero the unit. Because there are no limits on this ZERO function it is important to be in a clean air environment prior to doing a calibration zero. NOTE: With an O<sub>2</sub> sensor installed, pressing the I/O key in the ZERO CAL mode will assume the unit is being zeroed in a 20.9% oxygen environment.



**Figure 2.** Calibration

### 4.3.5 Calibration

Use the UP/DOWN keys to move to the screen where CAL is the only annunciator that is on. Press the I/O key to access calibration. The display will now flash. Apply calibration gas. When the displayed value stops rising and then stabilizes, use the UP/DOWN keys to raise or lower the displayed value to match the concentration stated on the calibration cylinder. Then press the I/O key to accept the change. (See figure 2)

To exit the Setup Mode and go to the Run Mode, press and hold the DOWN key for about 2 seconds until the alarm LED's flash, the alarm sounds, and the display reads LEVL.

#### **4.4. Fresh Air Zero Mode**

This mode is only accessible during unit startup. The ZERO annunciator is on while the unit goes through a 6 second fresh air zero countdown. The display alternates between the countdown value and the reading from the sensor. A press on the I/O key during this countdown will zero out the unit and then automatically enter the Run Mode. If the I/O key is not pressed during the countdown, the unit will enter the Run Mode at the completion of the countdown.

A safety feature in this mode prevents zeroing of the unit in either a high background level of toxic gas or an improper level of oxygen. The unit will display Err before entering the Run Mode if zeroing is attempted at incorrect gas levels.

#### **4.5 Run Mode**

In the RUN mode, the current LEVL, sensor type, and battery voltage can be viewed along with the following readings:

**Oxygen:** PEAK LEVL and LO LEVL  
**Toxic:** PEAK LEVL, STEL, and TWA

To view these items, use the I/O key. The first press of this key turns on the backlight for 5 seconds. Then, while the backlight is on, each press of the key will change the display to the next item to be viewed.

In the RUN mode the HI and LO alarm conditions will be checked every second. STEL, TWA alarm conditions and battery voltage are checked every minute. If any HI, STEL, TWA, or LO (O<sub>2</sub> only) alarm is reached the alarm will sound continuously and the alarm lights flash on every other second alternating with the internal vibratory alarm, (if present). A LO alarm in the case of a toxic gas is a pre-alarm warning and if reached the alarm will sound once every three seconds.

The battery is checked while in the RUN mode. If the battery voltage drops below 6.7 volts the LO and BAT annunciators come on and the display flashes. At this point you have about 20 hours of battery life left before the unit will turn itself off. When the battery voltage drops below 6.5 volts, in addition to the above, the light will flash and the alarm will sound once every 15 seconds. At this point you have about 10 hours of battery life left before the unit will turn itself off. Quest recommends that you change the battery as soon as these indicators appear. If the battery voltage drops below 6.3 volts, the unit begins a five second count down and then turns itself off.

#### **4.6 Sensor and Battery Replacement**

Separate the two halves of the unit by loosening the four captive screws that hold the unit together providing access to both battery and sensor. The sensor mounts to the bottom board with a six-pin connector. The battery is held in place by a standard 9V battery clip.

## Specifications

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### 5. SPECIFICATIONS:

Size:	1.3" x 3.0" x 3.9" (3.3 cm x 7.6 cm x 9.9 cm)
Weight:	6.3 ounces (180 grams)
Power: Battery	Single 9-Volt Alkaline or Lithium
Battery Life:	5000 hours with the Alkaline Battery. 10000 hours with the Lithium Battery.
Sensors:	O <sub>2</sub> , CO, H <sub>2</sub> S, SO <sub>2</sub> , NO <sub>2</sub> , CL <sub>2</sub> (City Technology Electrochemical Cells)
Measurement:	Continuous (1 sample/second)
Display:	3 1/2 Digit LCD, with 5 second backlight
Alarms:	Pulsating audio tone and flashing visual. Optional: Vibratory
Alarm Thresholds:	High level, Low level, STEL, TWA. Low battery
Operating Indicator:	Periodic confidence chirp and visual flash every 30 seconds (if enabled)
Temperature Range:	-10 to 40°C (14 to 104°F) operating -15 to 60°C (5 to 140°F) storage
Humidity Range:	0 to 99% relative humidity, non-continuous, non-condensing 15 to 90% relative humidity, continuous, non-condensing
Warranty:	Sensors 1 year, electronics 1 year
Intrinsic Safety:	ETL, CENELEC (DEMKO), Class I, II, III, Division 1, Groups A, B, C, D, E, F, G, CSA (PENDING)
RFI Protection:	ANSI Standard C95.1-1982, Safety Levels with respect to Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields 300 kHz to 100 Ghz
Ingress Protection Rating:	IP54

**6. GAS SPECIFIC DATA**

<b>Gas</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Accuracy</b>	<b>Drift**</b>	<b>Alarm High***</b>	<b>Alarm STEL***</b>	<b>Alarm TWA***</b>
<b>Oxygen O<sub>2</sub></b>	0-30%	0.1%	±5%	<1%	23.5%	19.5%	
<b>Carbon Monoxide CO</b>	0-999 ppm	1 ppm	±5%	<2%	200 ppm	100 ppm	35 ppm
<b>Hydrogen Sulfide H<sub>2</sub>S</b>	0-500 ppm	1 ppm	±5%	<2%	20 ppm	15 ppm	10 ppm
<b>Chlorine CL<sub>2</sub></b>	0-20 ppm	0.1 ppm	±5%	<2%	1 ppm	1 ppm	0.5 ppm
<b>Sulphur Dioxide SO<sub>2</sub></b>	0-50 ppm	0.1 ppm	±5%	<2%	10 ppm	5 ppm	2 ppm
<b>Nitrogen Dioxide NO<sub>2</sub></b>	0-50 ppm	0.1 ppm	±5%	<2%	8 ppm	5 ppm	2 ppm

\* Sensor accuracy, listed by City Technology, as a percentage of the reading.

\*\* Long term output drift listed as percentage of signal loss per month

For Ammonia, an exposure of <25ppm/month is assumed

For the LEL sensor, refers to long term zero drift based on Methane

\*\*\* Factory default settings. Recommended for normal use.

### **7. PM-90 ACCESSORIES**

#### **7.1 Alarms**

54-733 Vibratory Alarm

#### **7.2 Replacement Sensor Modules**

54-734 Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>)  
54-735 Carbon Monoxide (CO)  
54-736 Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S)  
54-741 Chlorine (CL<sub>2</sub>)  
54-742 Sulpher Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)  
54-743 Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)

#### **7.3 Calibration Kit**

54-974 Two-Cylinder Calibration Kit: Includes two-cylinder calibration case, regulator (specify which regulator), and tubing.

#### **7.4 Calibration Accessories**

54-737 Calibration Adapter  
54-971 0.5 Liters per minute Regulator with 2' (.050" I.D.) tubing

#### **7.5 103 Liter Steel Cylinder Calibration Gases**

54-141 100% Nitrogen  
54-142 50 PPM Carbon Monoxide in Air.  
54-143 200 PPM Carbon Monoxide in Air.  
54-144 50 PPM Carbon Monoxide in Nitrogen.  
54-146 25 PPM Hydrogen Sulphide in Air.  
54-147 10 PPM Chlorine in Nitrogen.  
54-148 10 PPM Sulpher Dioxide in Air.  
54-150 5 PPM Nitrogen Dioxide in Nitrogen.

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1. Model and serial number of each instrument.
2. Description of work required and symptoms of any failures for each instrument.
3. VISA, MasterCard or American Express credit card -- or -- company purchase order number (non-warranty service only).
4. Billing and/or return shipping addresses.

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### WARRANTY POLICY

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