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## Introduction

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The Model 44-38 is a Geiger-Mueller (G-M) beta/gamma survey detector that is intended to be used with any portable ratemeter or scaler instrument that provides 850-1200 volts with an input sensitivity of  $30 \pm 10$  mV.

The typical gamma exposure rate sensitivity is 1200 cpm per mR/hr. The response range of the Model 44-38 is nominally linear, (within 10%) up to 50 mR/hr without instrument dead time correction and up to 500 mR/hr with dead time correction. Dead time is typically 95 microseconds.

The detector also incorporates a rotary shield, which when opened, allows the detection of beta radiation for energies above approximately 200 keV. If the meter face of the connected electronics is in exposure rate, like mR/hr, then be aware that the beta contribution does not directly correlate to exposure rate. For example, if the meter increases by 2 mR/hr when the shield is opened, it is not correct to say that the exposure rate has increased by 2 mR/hr.



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**Note:**

Proper gamma exposure rate readings can only be obtained with the shield in the *closed* position.

**Note:**

The detector does not contain any consumable materials.

**Note:**

If the detector is used in a manner not intended by the manufacturer, the detector may not function properly.

## Unpacking and Repacking

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Remove the calibration certificate or detector functional check certificate and place it in a secure location. Remove the detector(s) and accessories (if applicable) and ensure that all items listed on the packing list are in the carton. If multiple detectors are included, refer to the calibration certificates for serial number (SN) matches. The Model 44-38 serial number is located on the side of the detector.

To return an instrument or detector for repair or calibration, provide sufficient packing material to prevent damage during shipment and affix appropriate warning labels to promote careful handling.

Every returned instrument must be accompanied by an **Instrument Return Form**, which can be downloaded from the Ludlum website at [www.ludlums.com](http://www.ludlums.com). Find the form by clicking the “Support” tab and selecting “Repair and Calibration” from the drop-down menu. Then choose the appropriate Repair and Calibration division where you will find a link to the form.

## Specifications

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**Indicated Use:** beta, gamma survey

**Detector:** 30 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> stainless steel wall, halogen-quenched GM

**Gamma Sensitivity:** typically 1200 cpm/mR/hr  
(<sup>137</sup>Cs gamma)

**Beta Cut Off:** approximately 200 keV (*window open*)

**Gamma Energy Response (window closed):** within 20% of  
<sup>137</sup>Cs (662 keV) from 60 keV to 1.3 MeV

**Dead Time:** typically 95 microseconds

**Compatible Instruments:** general purpose survey meters, ratemeters, and scalers

**Operating Voltage:** 900 volts

**Connector:** series "C" (others available)

**Construction:** anodized aluminum housing with rotary beta window

**Window Construction:** tin shields mounted on aluminum with a solid aluminum gap in the middle

**Low-Energy Blocking Window:** tin and aluminum segments are 1353 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>

**Low-Energy Pass-Through Window:** the middle aluminum segment is 610 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>

**Temperature Range:** -20 to 50 °C (-4 to 122 °F); may be certified for -40 to 65 °C (-40 to 150 °F)

**Size:** 3.3 x 16.5 cm (1.3 x 6.5 in.) (Dia x L)

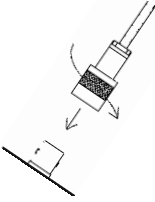
**Weight:** 0.5 kg (1 lb)



## **Operating Procedures**

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### **CONNECTING TO AN INSTRUMENT**



Connect one end of the cable provided to the detector by firmly pushing the connector together while twisting clockwise a quarter of a turn until latched. Repeat the process in the same manner with the other end of the cable and the instrument.

### **TESTING THE DETECTOR**

Ensure that the instrument high voltage (HV) is at the proper setting for the detector (900 volts).

Connect the detector to the instrument and check for a proper background reading (typically 25-50 cpm at 8-15  $\mu\text{R/hr}$ ).

If a check source is available, expose the detector to the check source and verify that the instrument indicates within 20% of the check source reading from the last calibration. Alternatively, expose the detector to a source of known value and verify that the detector detects greater than or equal to the efficiency listed in the specification section of this manual.

Instruments and detectors that meet these criteria are ready for use. Failure to meet these criteria may indicate a malfunction in the detector.

## **Safety Considerations**

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS FOR NORMAL USE**

Indoor or outdoor use (in a dry environment)

No maximum altitude

Temperature range of -20 to 50 °C (-4 to 122 °F); may be certified for operation from -40 to 65 °C (-40 to 150°F)

Maximum relative humidity of less than 95% (non-condensing)

Pollution Degree 1 (as defined by IEC 664)

### **CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS AND PRECAUTIONS**

The detector may be cleaned externally with a damp cloth, using only water as the wetting agent. Do not immerse the instrument in any liquid. Observe the following precautions when cleaning:

1. Turn the instrument electronics OFF.
2. Allow the instrument to sit for one minute.
3. Disconnect the detector cable before cleaning the detector.

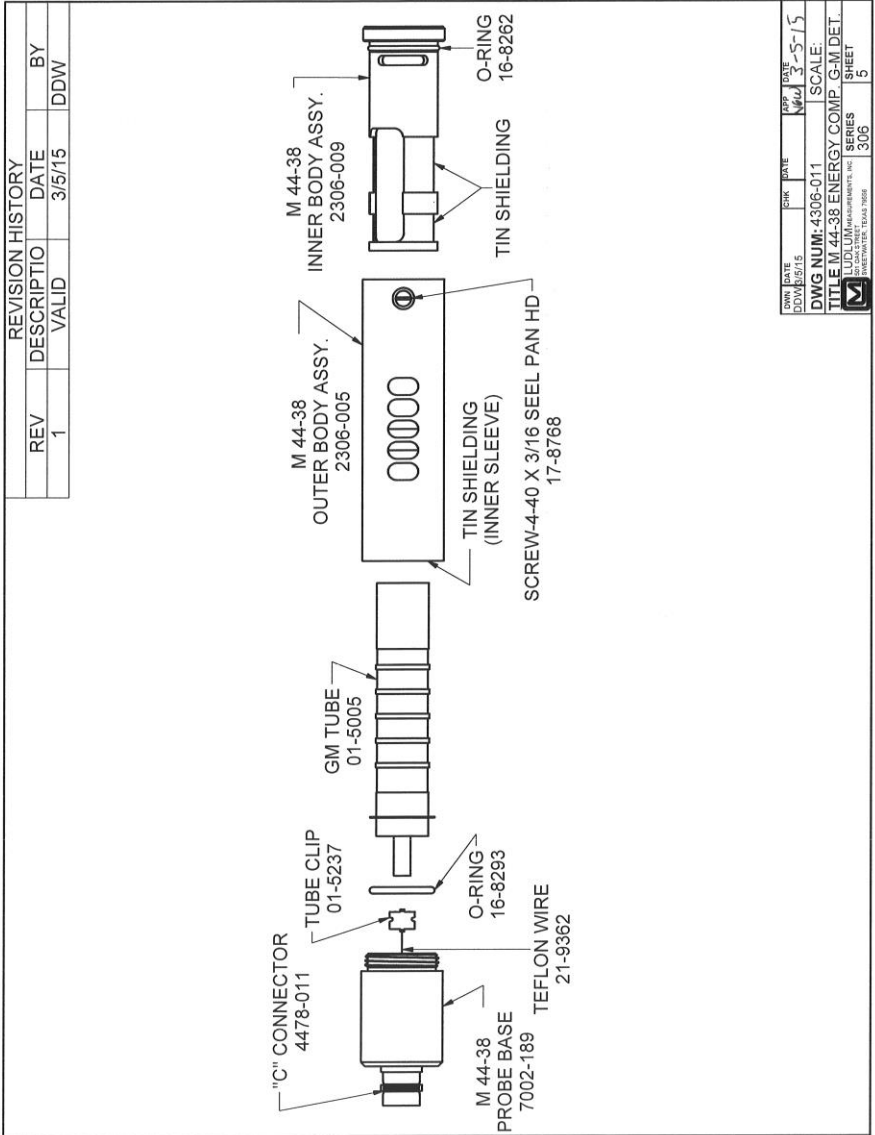
## Parts List, Drawings and Diagrams

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### Model 44-38 Beta-Gamma Detector

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Part Number</u>
UNIT	Completely Assembled Model 44-38 Beta-Gamma Detector	47-1588
1 ea.	G-M TUBE-LND 725	01-5005
1 ea.	CLIP TUBE	01-5237
1 ea.	O-RING	16-8262
1 ea.	O-RING FOR INNER BODY	16-8293
1 ea.	BODY OUTER	2306-005
1 ea.	BODY INNER	2306-009
1 ea.	RECEPT UG706/UG "C" LMI	4478-011
1 ea.	PROBE BASE	7002-189

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TITLE M 44-38 ENERGY COMP. G-M DET.					
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SERIES 306 SHEET 5					
DALLAS, TEXAS 75248					

