

# Model 26-1

## Integrated GM Pancake Frisker



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### Features

- Integrated, Lightweight Ergonomic Design
- High-Impact Plastic with Water-Resistant Rubber Seals
- Employs Standard 15.51 cm<sup>2</sup> GM Pancake Detector
- Displays in mR/hr,  $\mu$ Sv/h, dpm, Bq, cpm, or cps
- Dead-Time Correction (DTC) Allows Gamma Measurements up to 500 mR/hr or Up to 1999  $\mu$ Sv/h
- Simple Three-Button Operation
- Count Rate, Exposure, Dose, and Counting Alarms
- Automatic Display Backlight
- Bright Red Flashing ALARM LED
- Includes Wrist Strap, Clear Pancake Cover, & Lanyard



### Introduction

The Ludlum Model 26-1 incorporates electronics and a time-tested GM (Geiger-Mueller) detector in an ergonomically designed, ruggedly-constructed, and water-resistant housing. The integrated unit is therefore cable-less thereby simplifying the process of frisking people and objects. The optimized configuration includes a standard 15.51 cm<sup>2</sup> GM pancake, loud audible "click" output, and large auto-ranging LCD display with automatic LCD backlighting. Model 26-1 has the addition of a Units button that can display measurements in terms of mR/hr,  $\mu$ Sv/h, dpm, or Bq. These features are combined in one convenient package making it easier than ever to detect alpha/beta contamination and measure gamma fields on personnel and objects.

Operation of the Model 26-1 is kept simple through the use of just three buttons that are strategically placed for one-handed operation. Three modes of operation RATE, MAX, and COUNT, are available. The RATE mode will display current radiation levels in terms of rate.

MAX mode captures the highest rate detected so it is possible to determine a peak rate during frisking operations when the display is not visible. COUNT mode allows the operator to perform a survey for a predetermined time. The user-selected units can display results in a measurement of scaler counts, activity (disintegrations), time-averaged rates, or even accumulated dose. In addition, the optionally-available energy-compensation filters can correct the energy response for exposure or ambient equivalent dose.

Low-power circuitry means two standard "AA" sized batteries deliver hundreds of hours of instrument operation. The parameters may be protected via internal dipswitch, or the calibrator may allow the user to adjust them. Other features include a backlight triggered by low-level ambient lighting (may be configured for "Continuous On" operation) and a 'click' audio that may be silenced for both RATE and MAX modes.

### Specifications

Part Number: 48-3965

**DETECTOR:** pancake GM (Geiger-Mueller) detector, stainless steel screen (79% open)

**WINDOW AREA:** Active: 15.51 cm<sup>2</sup> (2.4 in<sup>2</sup>); Open: 12.26 cm<sup>2</sup> (1.9 in<sup>2</sup>)

**EFFICIENCY (4 $\pi$ ):** Alpha: 11% for <sup>239</sup>Pu; Beta: 18% for <sup>99</sup>Tc; 32% for <sup>32</sup>P; 2% for <sup>14</sup>C; 22% for <sup>90</sup>Sr/<sup>90</sup>Y; 0.2% for <sup>125</sup>I; Gamma: 3300 cpm/mR/hr or 5.5 cps/ $\mu$ Sv/hr (<sup>137</sup>Cs)  $\leq$ 1% for <sup>99m</sup>Tc

**RESOLVING TIME:** approximately 110 microseconds as defined by IEC 60325

**LINEARITY:**  $\pm$  10%

**ALARMS:** count rate and scaler alarm setpoints adjustable over the display range

**OVERLOAD:** high count rate saturation protection prevents false display of lower count rates

**ZERO PROTECTION:** after 60 seconds of no pulses from detector, unit will flash a zero reading and the alarm audio will be triggered

**LCD DISPLAY:** 3½ digit LCD with large 12.7 mm (0.5 in.) digits, (k)cps, (k)cpm, (k)dpm, (k)Bq, mR/hr,  $\mu$ Sv/h, Bq, and dpm; low battery indicator, MAX, ALARM

**RANGE:** 0.00 cps to 19.9 kcps; 0 cpm to 999 kcpm; 0.00 Bq to 19.9 kBq; 0 dpm to 999 kdpm; 0.00 to 1999  $\mu$ Sv/h; 0.00 to 500 mR/h

**BACKLIGHT:** built-in ambient light sensor automatically activates low-power LED backlight, or may be configured for 'Continuous On' operations (will reduce battery life)

**CONTROLS:** three pushbuttons

- ON/OFF/QUIET: press to turn ON, tap to alternate between 'click' audio and QUIET, hold for OFF
- MODE: select NORMAL (count rate), MAX (captures peak rate), or COUNTER (user-selectable count time from 0–20 minutes)
- UNITS: changes units from count rate (cpm, cps) to dose/exposure ( $\mu$ Sv/h, mR/hr) to activity (dpm/Bq)

**RESPONSE TIME:** user-selectable from 1 to 60 seconds, or Auto-Response Rate FAST or SLOW

**CLICK AUDIO:** greater than 60 dB at 0.6 m (2 ft)

**POWER:** two "AA" batteries

**BATTERY LIFE:** approximately 1000 hours of operations (as low as 500 hours with backlight configured for 'Continuous On'), 16-hour low battery warning

**CONSTRUCTION:** high-impact plastic with water-resistant rubber seals and separate battery compartment

**ENVIRONMENTAL RATING:** NEMA 3/IP 53

**TEMPERATURE RANGE:** -20 to 50 °C (-4 to 122 °F), may be certified for operation from -40 to 65 °C (-40 to 150 °F)

**DISTANCE FROM SURFACE PLANE TO SCREEN:** 0.32 cm (0.125 inch)

**SIZE:** 4.6 x 6.9 x 27.2 cm (1.8 x 2.7 x 10.7 in.) (H x W x L); **WEIGHT:** 0.45 kg (1.0 lb)

**OPTION:** standard 1/8 in. jack to allow operator to plug in headphones (not supplied) Part Number 4498-538

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