
LUDLUM MODEL 43-44-1 AIR PROPORTIONAL PROBE

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RETURN OF GOODS TO MANUFACTURER

If equipment needs to be returned to Ludlum Measurements, Inc. for repair or calibration, please send to the address below. All shipments should include documentation containing return shipping address, customer name, telephone number, description of service requested, and all other necessary information. Your cooperation will expedite the return of your equipment.

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Introduction

The Ludlum Model 43-44-1 is an air proportional probe used for the detection of alpha radiation. The probe requires an instrument with a 2 mV or less input sensitivity and a minimum of 2500 volt power supply, such as a Ludlum Model 12.

The probe will detect alpha energy of 3 MeV or greater, with an 8% efficiency (4π), when used with a 39 inch connecting cable. Shorter connecting cables will produce greater counting efficiency.

The detector chamber is environmentally sealed and vented to a drying agent to reduce moisture problems. The window is secured to the body of the probe by 12 screws. The window is covered by 0.4 mg/cm² metallized mylar and has an active area of 100 cm². The desiccants can be replaced by removing the two screws holding the desiccant holder and inserting the fresh dehydrators.

The operating voltage for the Model 43-44-1 is 2,050 volts at sea level, decreasing approximately 50 volts per 2,000 ft. altitude.

The handle is secured by four screws and is designed so it can be positioned two different ways for user convenience.

The unit is strung with 8 equally spaced 0.001 diameter platinum wires with tension of approximately 2 ounces. The wire is soldered to standoffs which place the wire midway between the window and the floor of the chamber.

Unpacking and Repacking

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. 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. The following items and information should also be included to ensure quick turnaround time of your equipment:

- instrument(s) and related cable(s)
- brief description as to the reason for return
- description of service requested
- return shipping address
- customer name and telephone number

Specifications

Window: 0.4 mg/cm^2

Window Area: Active – 100 cm^2

Efficiency for ^{239}Pu : 8% (4π)

Operating Voltage: Altitude Dependent

2,050 volts at sea level

2,000 volts at 2,000 feet

1,925 volts at 5,000 feet

1,875 volts at 7,000 feet

Finish: Anodized

Size: 10.2 x 8.9 x 23.6 cm (4 x 3.5 x 9.3 inches)(H x W x L)

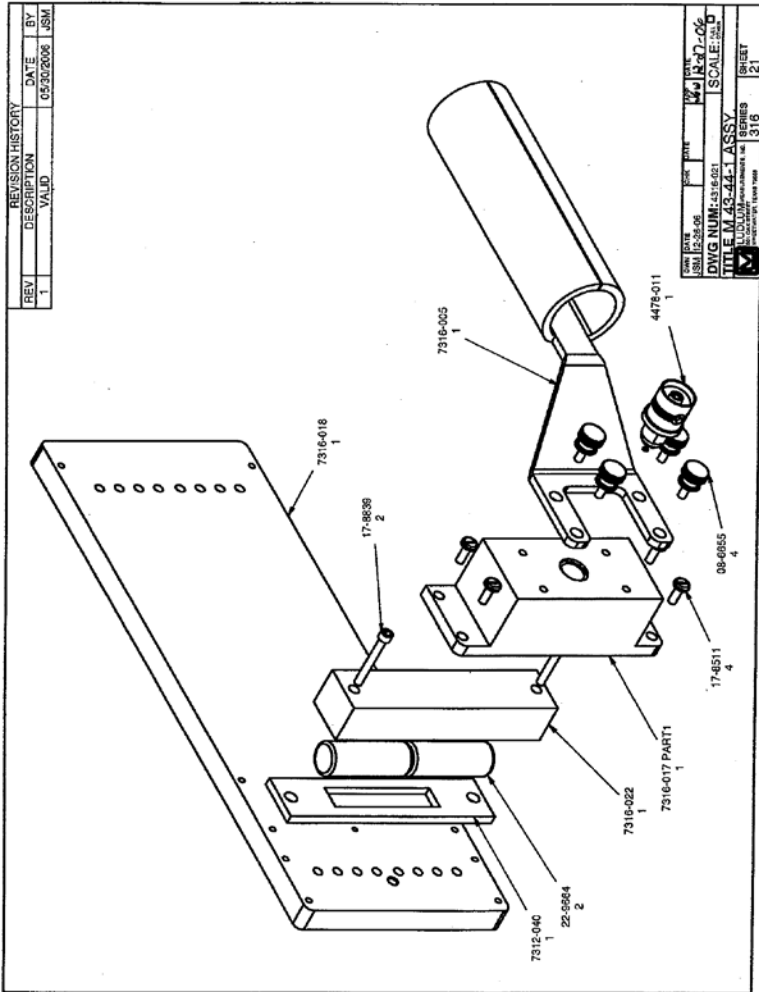
Weight: 0.7 kg (1.5lb)

Parts List

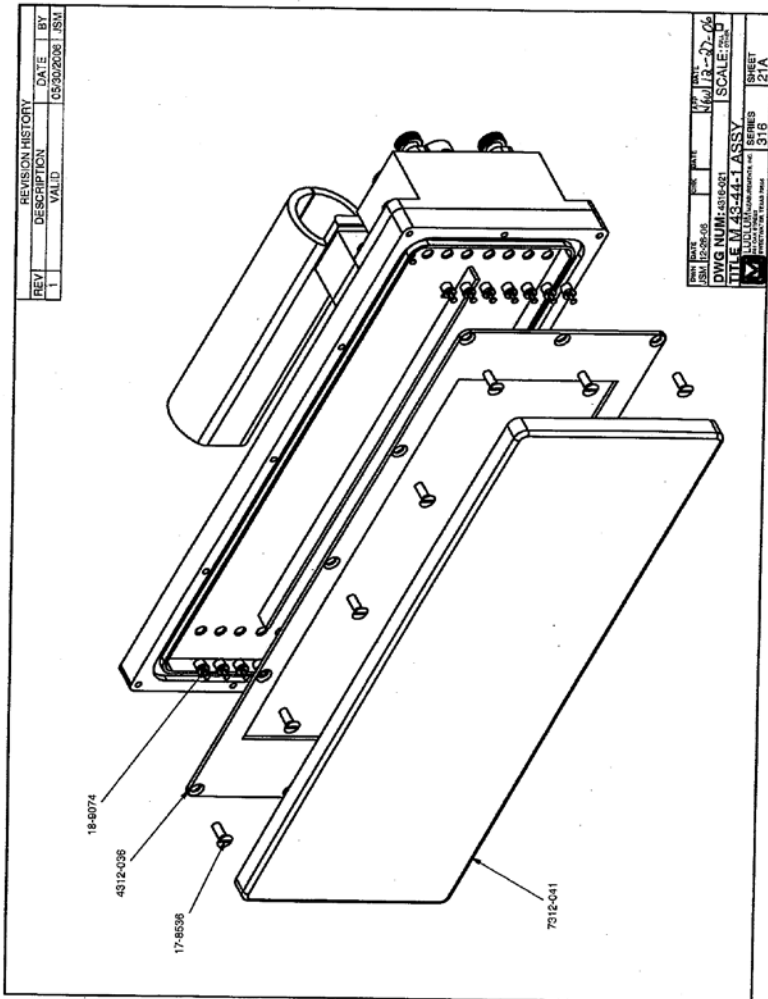
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<u>Reference</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Part Number</u>
UNIT	Completely Assembled Model 43-44-1 Air Proportional Probe	47-2385
1 ea	Det. w/o handle	4316-021
1 ea	Handle	7316-005
1 ea	Detector Screen w/Mylar	4312-036
1 ea	Window	7312-038
1 ea	Desiccant Hldr. Gasket	7312-040
1 ea	Vinyl Cover	7312-041
1 ea	Connector Block	7316-017
1 ea	Detector Body	7316-018
1 ea	Desiccant Holder	7316-022
4 ea	6-32 x 3/8 Brass Screws	17-8659
2 ea	Blk. Knob #4	08-6655
1 ea	Recpt-Scrw-In "C" LMI	4478-011
2 ea	4-40 x 7/8 Soc. Cap Screws	17-8839
1 ea	Feedthru-111-16-0519	18-8814
16 ea	Feedthru-PM-1495-01-CT-9	18-9074
*	0.001 Bare Wire	21-9327
*	White Teflon Wire #22	21-8993
2 ea	Dehydrators	22-9664
*	Neoprene Cord Sponge	22-9631

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REVISION HISTORY			
REV	DESCRIPTION	DATE	BY
1	VALID	05-30-2008	JSN

DATE	REV	BY	SCALE
05-30-08	1	JSN	1:1
DWG NUM: 4312-038		SCALE: 1:1	
TITLE: M 43-44-1 ASSY			
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