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Introduction

The Model 44-3 sodium iodide (NaI) low-energy gamma scintillator is primarily used for detecting low levels of gamma radiation in the range of 10-60 keV. It consists of a 2.5 cm diameter x 1 mm thick (1 x 0.04 in.) NaI crystal coupled to a photomultiplier tube and is housed in a 0.16 cm (0.06 in.) thick aluminum housing with an 18.4 mg/cm² metallized polyester window. The detector is energy dependent, over-responding by a factor of 10 or greater in the 100 keV range and under-responding by a factor of 0.5 above 1 MeV when normalized to ¹³⁷Cs.

The Model 44-3 will operate with any Ludlum instrument or equivalent instrument that provides 500-1200 Vdc and an input sensitivity of approximately 10 mV or higher.

The common application for this detector is low-level radiation detection.



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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

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 44-3 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. 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

SCINTILLATOR: 2.5 cm diameter x 1 mm thick (1 x 0.04 in.) NaI (TI) crystal

WINDOW: 18.4 mg/cm² metallized polyester (also available with a 7.8 mg/cm² window for energies as low as 5 keV)

WINDOW AREA: 5 cm² for active and open

EFFICIENCY (4 π geometry): ^{125}I is 33.5% (based on ^{129}I efficiency of 18%) (background of less than 250 cpm)

SENSITIVITY: approximately 675 cpm/ $\mu\text{R/hr}$ (^{125}I)

RECOMMENDED ENERGY RANGE: approximately 10-60 keV

ENERGY RESPONSE: energy dependent

COMPATIBLE INSTRUMENTS: general purpose survey meters, ratemeters, and scalers

TUBE: 3.8 cm (1.5 in.) diameter, magnetically shielded photomultiplier

OPERATING VOLTAGE: typically 500-1200 volts

DYNODE STRING RESISTANCE: 100 megohm

CONNECTOR: Series "C" (others available)

CONSTRUCTION: aluminum housing with beige powder coat finish

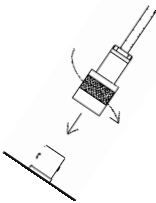
TEMPERATURE RANGE: -20 to 50 °C (-4 to 122 °F); may be certified to operate from -40° to 65 °C (-40 to 150 °F)

SIZE: 5.1 cm (2 in.) x 17.8 cm (7 in.) (D x L)

WEIGHT: 0.45 kg (1 lb)

Operating Procedures

CONNECTING TO AN INSTRUMENT



Connect one end of the cable provided to the detector by firmly pushing the connector together while twisting clockwise $\frac{1}{4}$ turn until latched. Repeat the process in the same manner with the other end of the cable and the instrument.

TESTING THE DETECTOR

1. Ensure that the instrument HV (high voltage) is at the proper setting for the detector.
2. Connect the detector to the instrument and check for a proper background reading (typically 350 cpm at an ambient background of 8-15 $\mu\text{R/hr}$).
3. Expose the detector to a 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.
4. 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

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS FOR NORMAL USE

1. Indoor or outdoor use (in a dry environment)
2. No maximum altitude
3. Temperature range of -20 to 50 °C (-4 to 122 °F); may be certified to operate from -40 to 65 °C (-40 to 150 °F)
4. Maximum relative humidity of less than 95% (non-condensing)
5. 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:

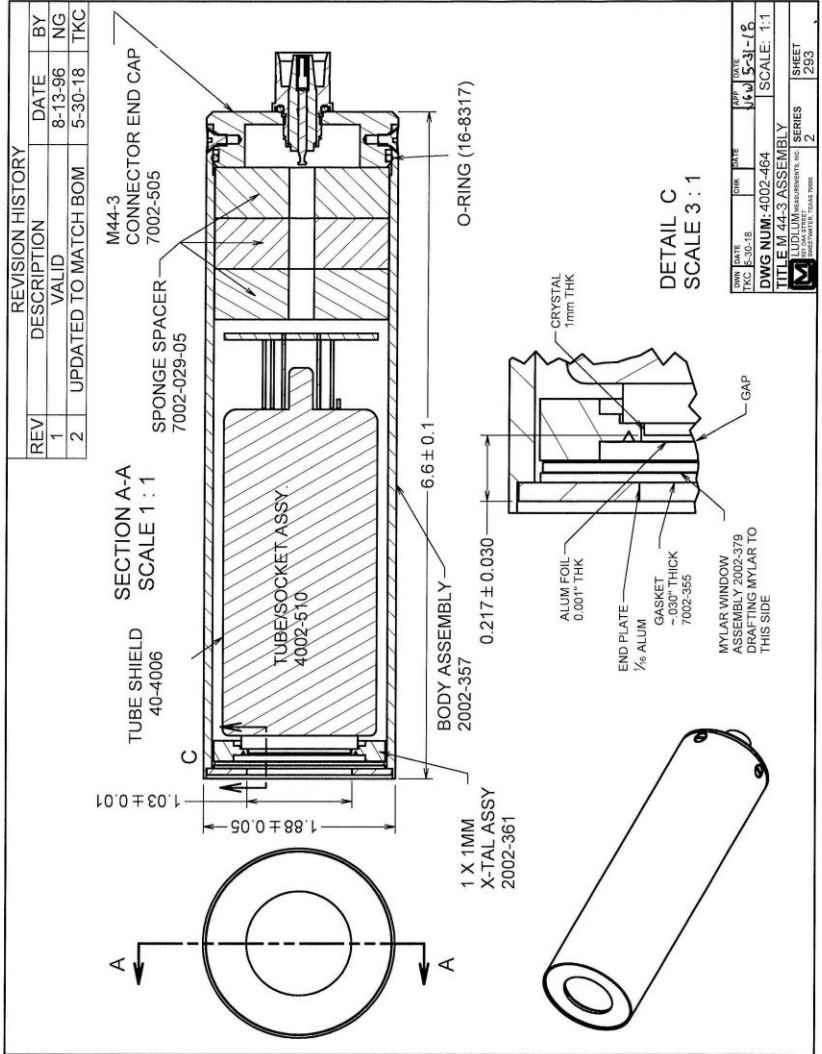
1. Turn the instrument electronics OFF.
2. Allow the instrument to sit for one minute.
3. Disconnect the detector cable before cleaning the detector.

Parts List, Drawings, and Diagrams

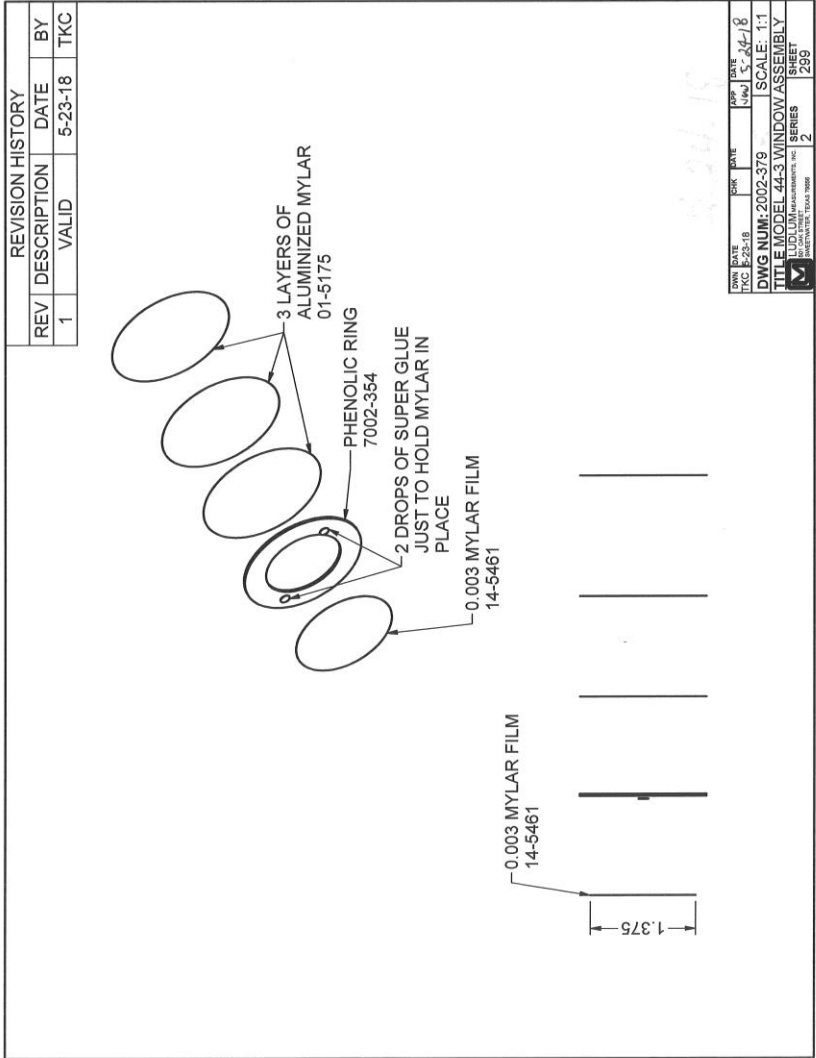
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<u>Reference</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Part Number</u>
Drawing 2 x 293		
UNIT	Completely Assembled Model 44-3 Gamma Scintillator	47-1533
1 EA	DETECTOR BODY	2002-357
1 EA	END CAP	7002-505
1 EA	1 x 1 mm NaI CRYSTAL	2002-361
1 EA	1.5 INCH PHOTOMULTIPLIER TUBE	01-5349
1 EA	TUBESHIELD	40-4006
1 EA	1.5INCH TUBE SOCKET BOARD	5002-502
1 EA	CONNECTOR, UG706/U	4478-011
3 INCH	TEFLON WIRE	21-8543
3 INCH	#24 BLACK WIRE	21-9432
1 EA	LUG	18-8766
4 EA	SCREWS	17-8811
7 EA	SPONGE	7002-029-05
1 EA	MYLAR WINDOW ASSY	2002-379
1 EA	GASKET	7002-355

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Mylar Window Assembly



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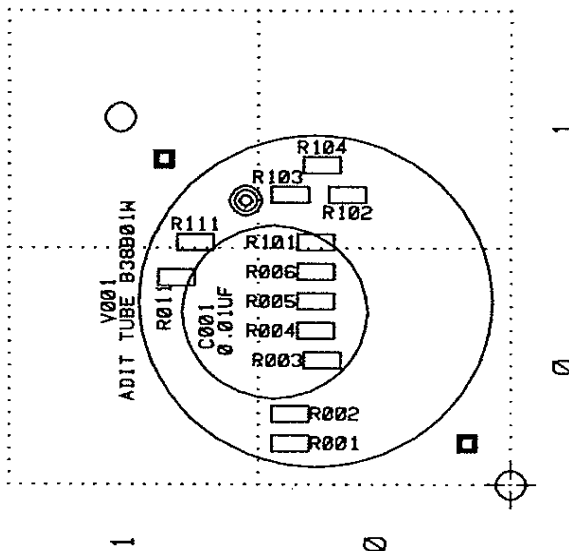
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1.5 inch Tube Socket Board

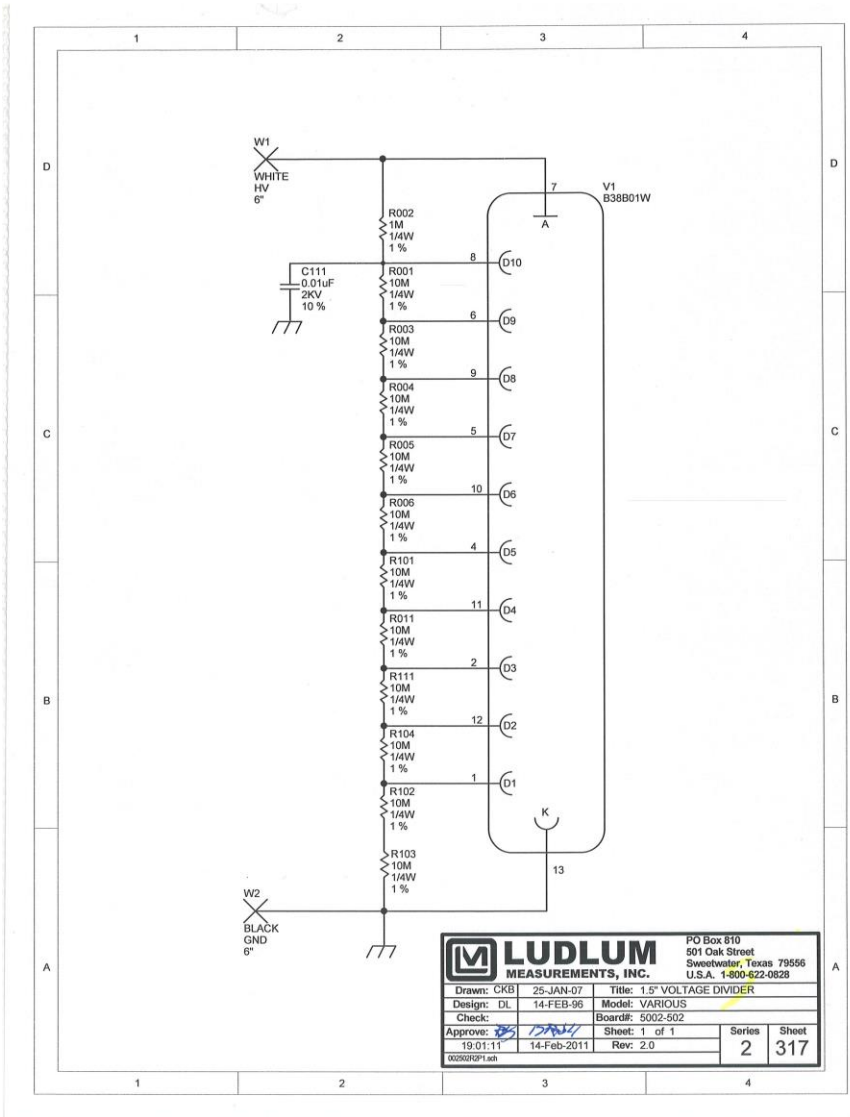
Drawing 2 x 318

1 EA	CIRCUIT BOARD	5002-502
1 EA	CAP 0.01 μ F 2kv	04-5525
1 EA	RES 1M, $\frac{1}{4}$ W, 1%	12-7844
11 EA	RES 10 M, $\frac{1}{8}$ W, 1%	12-7996



1.5 inch Tube Socket Board Component Layout

1.5 inch Adit Tube Socket Board - Schematic



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		Title: 1.5" VOLTAGE DIVIDER	
Drawn: CRB	25-JAN-07	Model: VARIOUS	
Design: DL	14-FEB-96	Board#: 5002-502	
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Approve: <i>[Signature]</i>	19-01-11	14-Feb-2011	Rev: 2.0
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