Chemical Threat Detection

Hand-held Chemical Agent Monitor: RAID-M Series
RAID-M Series hand-held Chemical Agent detectors are based on the well-established principle of Ion Mobility Spectrometry (IMS). They are designed to detect, search for and locate Chemical Warfare Agents (CWA) and Toxic Industrial Chemicals (TIC) on personnel, equipment, vehicles and on the ground. Two versions of RAID-M are offered. The RAID-M100 uses a low-level 63Ni source, whereas the RAID-MNR uses a non-radioactive high energy photoionisation (HEPI) source. Otherwise, both systems are externally identical, perform to the same detection limits and both use the same consumables for operation.

RAID-M Series are able to detect, identify, quantify and continuously monitor concentration levels of the specified CWA and TIC. The identity of detected substances is displayed by its standard code (GA, VX, etc.) or its appropriate abbreviation. For each class (G, H and T) a separate display section is provided, so that all the classes may be monitored independently. Hazard levels are indicated by an incremental bar display with eight segments that relate to concentration. RAID-M Series can be user-configured to give an audible and a visual alarm when a substance is detected, and includes the ability to silence the sounder. By providing very low detection limits and short response times, the state of the art measuring cell and highly sophisticated detection algorithms, highly toxic substances can be detected at lowest levels. In the event of an overload, a Bruker Detection exclusive feature realises short recovery times by means of an automatic clean air purge mode; termed ‘backflush’.

Supporting post-mission analysis of detection events, all RAID-M Series detectors are equipped with a data logging system. This system is capable of continuous monitoring and uses two integrated data loggers that are able to record independently from each other. Separately, these record individual spectra as well as the results of a measurement campaign. The event logger stores almost 3000 events, and the spectrum logger keeps 30 full spectra for subsequent inspection.

Why specify RAID M Series?

- Industry-Standard IMS detection technology
  
  *Time proven technology - the de-facto standard*

- Detects, identifies and quantifies the threat
  
  *Bruker algorithms afford better threat detection*

- No calibration - ever!
  
  *Factory calibrated, no field calibration is required*

- Consumables changed at the operator level
  
  *No need to return to base for consumables*

- Automatic backflush mode
  
  *This overload protection aids detector recovery*

- Non-radioactive HEPI source option
  
  *With identical performance to the 63Ni version*

- Operates from one rechargeable battery - two included
  
  *Provides a seven hour runtime @ 20°C*

- External power options
  
  *12 to 32V DC, 100 to 240V AC, 50/60Hz*

- Powered/unpowered vehicle mounting options
  
  *For mobile platform integration*

- Military Certified product range
  
  *Designed to survive the toughest missions*
Regarded as the Gold Standard of CWA detectors, the RAID-M Series impresses with its overall capability in a single lightweight, hand-held, battery-operated package. RAID-M Series detect, identify, quantify and continuously monitor concentration levels of both CWA and TIC. The identity of detected substances is displayed and a separate section is provided on the display, permitting all the agent classes to be monitored independently. Hazard levels are shown using a display with segments that relate to concentration. RAID-M Series offers both an audible and visual detection alarms, and the sounder can be disabled for stealth operation.

RAID-M Series benefit from a low maintenance burden. Consumables have a typical lifetime of 500 operational hours and can be changed by the operator. Additionally, RAID-M Series are factory calibrated for life; completely removing any requirement for field calibration.

Based on field-proven Bruker IMS technology, the RAID-M Series offers two variants. The RAID-M 100 uses a $^{63}$Ni source and is the lower—cost option. The RAID-M NR uses a non-radioactive high-energy photoionisation (HEPI) source. The HEPI variant is the preferred option for bulk purchasing contracts that might require the equipment storing for extended periods, yet being ready for deployment at short notice.

For installation to mobile platforms, such as reconnaissance vehicles, RAID-M Series are offered with optional vehicle mounts; powered and unpowered. The powered mount, in conjunction with external sample probes, permits the detector to make CWA/TIC measurements whilst underway. Alternatively, the unpowered mount provides convenient safe storage for the instrument so it can be deployed at a moment’s notice.
The RAID-M Series are the ideal choice of hand-held chemical detectors for deployment by civilian response services, including Police CBRN teams, First Responders, Firefighters and Chemical Disaster Management teams.

Unlike simple non-specific chemical detectors, RAID-M Series are configured explicitly to detect and identify Chemical Warfare Agents (CWA) and a number of Toxic Industrial Chemicals (TIC). In addition to detection and identification, the RAID-M Series also quantify the threat by means of a multi-segment bar display. Further, especially in non-military roles, the RAID-M Series excels in the rejection of interferences from other chemicals that may be present, which could otherwise produce false positive and/or false negative results. This interference rejection feature derives from extensive field tests, which has resulted in the development and implementation of unique Bruker algorithms that suppress interference from many common and not-so-common chemicals.

Two detectors are offered within the series; the RAID-M100 uses a $^{63}$Ni source and is the lower-cost option. Alternatively, the new RAID-M NR uses a high-energy photoionisation (HEPI) source that is non-radioactive. Organisations that currently deploy the RAID-M100 can also use the RAID-M NR in the knowledge that not only are both instruments externally identical, they use exactly the same consumables, the same batteries and the same software. Furthermore have identical detection capabilities and operational features.

For installation to many types of civilian vehicles, including vans and trucks, powered mounts are available providing the facility to operate the instrument using the vehicle’s power, whilst sampling the ambient air for threats. Alternatively, the unpowered mount provides safe stowage, keeping the RAID-M Series available for immediate deployment; perhaps by having it mounted adjacent to a convenient door.
Bruker RAID-M Series: Industrial Applications

IMS, Ion mobility spectrometry, is a fast and sensitive method of detection for a number of toxic industrial chemicals in gas and vapour form. The specific detection capabilities of the portable, hand-held, RAID-M Series make them uniquely suited to the detection of highly-hazardous Toxic Industrial Chemicals (TIC). This battery-powered device can be used to identify sources of leaks, to monitor transportation and to monitor filling processes, as well as providing information in case of disasters. The RAID-M Series can be configured at the time of purchase to measure substances such as toluene diisocyanate (TDI) and dimethyl sulphate (DMS) in air.

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TOLUENE DIISOCYANATE (TDI)

Isocyanates are increasingly being used for manufacturing polyurethane foam, elastomers, adhesives, paints, coatings, insecticides, and many other products. RAID-M series devices are capable of detecting TDI rapidly down to 1 ppb (0.007 mg m⁻³). This is below the lower limit of common workplace exposure limits.

Request our free Application Note: CBRNE 1843545. Monitoring Toluene Diisocyanate Using a Bruker Ion Mobility Spectrometer

DIMETHYL SULPHATE (DMS)

DMS is used in the synthesis of dyestuffs, perfumes, pesticides and pharmaceuticals, and is highly toxic. The RAID-M series are ideally suited for the ambient air monitoring of DMS concentrations, and this toxic substance can be detected at low ppb levels within a few seconds. Using a RAID-M series instrument, the minimum detectable DMS concentration is in the order of 4 ppb, and is lower than the required international occupational exposure limits.

Request our free Application Note: CBRNE 1838036 - Using Bruker RAID instruments to monitor Occupational Exposure Limits to Dimethyl Sulphate
Widely regarded as the Gold Standard in hand-held detector technology, the RAID-M Series impresses with its minimal logistic requirements and its superior availability. The operator can change consumables without returning the product to a repair centre. Not only are RAID-M Series highly sensitive, the same product detects, identifies and quantifies the level of threat all in a single device. Thanks to sophisticated interference rejection algorithms, RAID-M Series detectors give superior in-field performance by negating the impact of other chemical substances that might be present.

RAID-M Series can be readily configured for use on mobile platforms, including reconnaissance vehicles, mobile laboratories and rapid response vehicles using anti-shock vehicle mounts. One mount is designed for taking measurements on the air outside that vehicle. The detector runs from the vehicle’s power and sampling lines pass through the vehicle body to sample the external atmosphere.

RAID-M Series detectors are available in a choice of colourways to meet the requirements of specific users:

- **Green.** Typically deployed by militaries.
- **Sand.** For deployment in desert regions
- **Black.** Preferred for stealth deployment
- **Blue.** Chosen by Police CBRN units
- **Grey.** For maritime applications
- **Yellow.** Used by Civil Response teams and Industry

RAID-M Series instruments are generally supplied as a set, and are ready to be used “out-of-the-box”. Sets comprise:

- A robust padded transport case
- A RAID-M Series instrument
- An anti-contamination bag
- Two rechargeable batteries
- A battery charger
- Two test substances
- Carrying strap
- An RS 232 data cable
- Event Reader software
- Operator Manual

Current details of the Bruker RAID-M Series can be found in the Product Specification Sheet (PSS), a copy of which is available on request.

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Global Resources – Local Focus

Bruker has support centres of technical expertise in every major area of the world providing sales, applications and engineering support for our complete product range. With more than 6,000 employees at 90 locations worldwide you can be confident that the support team fronts a uniquely integrated global resource. Research and development specialists, applications professionals and highly trained engineers in every field are dedicated to your investment in our equipment.

Superior Detector Performance
For highly sensitive detection, identification and quantification of chemical, biological, explosive and radiation threats. Superior performance and high reliability comes as standard.

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Standards & Compliance
All our systems are manufactured in ISO9001 compliant factories; so you can be assured of superior quality and performance.

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