



AlcoHAWK[®] PRECISION

Owner's Manual

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INTRODUCTION

Overview of the AlcoHAWK® Precision

The AlcoHAWK® Precision is a breath alcohol tester designed to test for the presence of alcohol in the blood. This device provides a digital reading of an individual's approximate blood alcohol concentration (BAC) in seconds. The AlcoHAWK® Precision is powered by a 9 volt battery that generally lasts between 100-200 tests when using an alkaline battery.

To fully utilize this device to its potential, we recommend reading this entire manual. Enjoy your AlcoHAWK® and please do not drink and drive!

Alcohol Testing Theory

Ethyl alcohol is detectable in the breath because it is absorbed from the mouth, throat, stomach and intestines into the bloodstream. When blood flows through the lungs, some of the alcohol passes across the membranes of tiny lung air sacs (alveoli) into the air. The concentration of the alcohol in the alveolar air is proportional to the alcohol in the blood. As the alcohol in the alveolar air is exhaled, it can be screened by a breath alcohol testing device. Rather than drawing a subject's blood to test for alcohol level, a subject's breath can be tested using a breath alcohol testing device. Because breath alcohol concentration is proportional to blood alcohol concentration (BAC), BAC can be calculated by measuring alcohol content on the breath. The ratio of breath alcohol to blood alcohol is 2,100:1. This means that 2100 milliliters of alveolar air will contain the same amount of alcohol as 1 millimeter of blood. This concept is well established by Henry's Law, which states that the concentration of a volatile substance in the air above a fluid is proportional to the concentration of the volatile substance in the fluid.

When performing a breath alcohol test, it is necessary to analyze an alveolar or deep lung air sample. If the test sample is not based on a deep lung sample, the sample analyzed could be diluted with breath of lower alcohol concentration from the upper respiratory tract. This would result in a lower than optimum test result. As a result, breath alcohol testers listed on the Department of Transportation (DOT), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Conforming Products List of Screening Devices To Measure Alcohol in Bodily Fluids, typically have protocols which require the subject to deliver at least 1.5 liters, or continuous blowing into the unit for least five (5) seconds.¹ Otherwise, the testing can be aborted or marked as unacceptable.

¹Federal Register: May 4, 2001 (Volume 66, Number 87)

Description Of Testing System

This device contains a sensor chip designed to test for the presence of alcohol. A thick film heater is printed on the reverse of the chip placed in the plastic housing. The metal oxide material is heated to a specific temperature. The resistance of sensing material changes rapidly according to gas concentration changes, thereby enabling the reading of alcohol concentration by resistance measurement. This alcohol concentration is directly related (as explained in the above paragraph) to the concentration of alcohol in the blood. Therefore, this device can give a reading that reflects an estimate of the concentration of alcohol in the blood.

Dose-specific Effects Of Alcohol Intoxication

The effects of alcohol intoxication are greatly influenced by individual variations among users, as well as other factors such as altitude and air temperature. The following are *general* dose-specifics effects of alcohol, although some users may become intoxicated at a much lower BAC than shown below. Because a safe reading on a breath alcohol

screeners does not mean that a driver's reaction times can respond to any emergency encountered, do not drink alcohol and drive.

Some states prohibit driving with a .08% BAC or above reading, and in many states, individuals can be prosecuted for driving under the influence at any level.

Some states also prohibit driving commercial vehicles or any vessel with .04% or more. There is no safe way to drive under the influence of alcohol. Even one drink can make you unsafe.

BAC	Dose-Specific Effects²
0.02-0.03% ³	Generally no loss of coordination, slight euphoria or loss of shyness. Depressant effects are not apparent.
0.04-0.06%	General feeling of well-being, relaxation, lower inhibitions, sensation of warmth. Euphoria. Some minor impairment of reasoning and memory, lowering of caution. Driving skills may be impaired at this level of intoxication.
0.07-0.09%	Slight impairment of balance, speech, vision, reaction time, and hearing. Euphoria. Judgment and self-control are reduced, and caution, reason and memory are impaired. Driving skills are always impaired at this level of intoxication.
0.10-0.125%	Significant impairment of motor coordination and loss of good judgment. Speech may be slurred; balance, vision, reaction time and hearing will be impaired. Euphoria.
0.13-0.15%	Gross motor impairment and lack of physical control. Blurred vision and major loss of balance. Euphoria is reduced and dysphoria is beginning to appear.
0.16-0.20%	Dysphoria (anxiety, restlessness) predominates, nausea may appear. The drinker has the appearance of a "sloppy drunk."
0.25%-0.29%	Needs assistance in walking; total mental confusion. Dysphoria with nausea and some vomiting.
0.30%-0.39%	Loss of consciousness.
0.40% +	Onset of coma, possible death due to respiratory arrest.

² Bailey, William J., *Drug Use in American Society*, 3rd ed., Minneapolis: Burgess, 1993.

³ Some individuals may experience impairment at BAC levels at .03% or even lower.

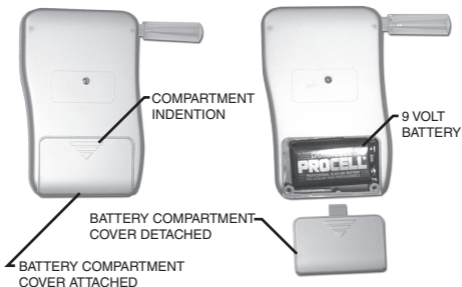
Uses Of Breath Alcohol Screening Devices

Breath alcohol screeners are used in a wide variety of applications. For example, law enforcement officials use breath alcohol screeners on the roadside to determine if a subject should be further tested on an evidential alcohol test (a test given to determine an exact blood alcohol concentration). In addition, breath alcohol screeners are used in a wide range of professions and industries to screen for the presence of alcohol before an individual performs certain job functions. Since the presence of alcohol in a person's body can impair numerous activities of an individual, a simple breath alcohol screening device that can test for the presence of alcohol in a individual's system can be of great value.

PREPARATION

Installing The Battery

Apply a small amount of pressure on the indentation of the battery compartment cover located on the rear of the unit and push down and away from the unit simultaneously to release the cover. Use only 9 volt alkaline batteries. See the following diagram.



Inserting A Mouthpiece

Insert the mouthpiece firmly into the hole located on the top of the left side of the unit. A gap of approximately 1/2 cm will remain between the larger portion of the mouthpiece and the side of the unit. See diagram below.



COMPONENTS DIAGRAM



OPERATION

Operating Instructions

WAIT 20 MINUTES AFTER SMOKING, EATING, OR DRINKING BEFORE USE. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN ALTER THE BAC READING AND CAN DAMAGE THE SENSOR. USE ONLY 9 VOLT ALKALINE BATTERIES.

- 1) Insert a **NEW MOUTHPIECE** each time you perform a test.
- 2) If it has been more than 24 hours since the device was last used, **PRIME THE SENSOR** by blowing into the mouthpiece for 4 to 5 seconds before turning on the device.
- 3) **PRESS** the **Power On/Off** button. A single beep will sound and a green lamp will light below the PWR sign on the LED display. A yellow lamp will blink below the RDY sign on the LED display.

4) **WAIT** until the **YELLOW LAMP STOPS BLINKING** and remains on, and you hear a **SINGLE BEEP**. The device is now ready for use.

Note: The device will not shut off until a test is performed or until 15 seconds of non use elapses.

5) Take a **DEEP BREATH AND BLOW STEADILY** (for at least 5 seconds) until a **BEEP** sounds to signal completion of the testing.

Note: The unit will display a 0.000 after approximately 1 – 2 seconds if a trace level of alcohol is not detected in the breath sample (i.e., at least 0.001% BAC).

6) **READ THE RESULTS (NEVER DRINK AND DRIVE).**

Reading	What It Generally Means
0.02-0.03%	Generally no loss of coordination, slight euphoria or loss of shyness. Depressant effects are not apparent. DO NOT DRIVE.
0.04-0.06%	General feeling of well-being, relaxation, lower inhibitions, sensation of warmth. Euphoria. Some minor impairment of reasoning and memory, lowering of caution. Driving skills may be impaired at this level of intoxication. DO NOT DRIVE.
0.07-0.09%	Slight impairment of balance, speech, vision, reaction time, and hearing. Euphoria. Judgment and self-control are reduced, and caution, reason and memory are impaired. Driving skills are always impaired at this level of intoxication. You are legally intoxicated at 0.08% in most states! DO NOT DRIVE.
0.10-0.125%	Significant impairment of motor coordination and loss of good judgment. Speech may be slurred; balance, vision, reaction time and hearing will be impaired. Euphoria. DO NOT DRIVE.

7) For more testing, wait one (1) minute and repeat steps 1 – 6.

Error Messages

Error Message	Cause and Course Of Action
SNR	The sensor is not ready for testing. This can occur if the unit has not been used for several days and if the unit has not been primed (see instruction #2 on page 6). If the SNR message is displayed, press the Power On/Off button once to turn off the unit and repeat Steps 1 – 4 above.
Sht	The user had a short exhale time during the test, which likely means the user did not exhale steadily and continuously for at least 5 seconds. Repeat steps 1 – 4 above to perform another test.
reP	The unit is signifying to repeat the test because the unit did not detect an even alcohol concentration in the breath sample. This can occur if the user varies the blowing force when performing a test or if the Exhaust Port (see Components Diagram) is obstructed. Repeat Steps 1 – 4 above to perform another test.
H	The unit detected a very high alcohol concentration (above 0.400% BAC).
Err	The sensor has been damaged and will need to be returned for servicing. If this error message occurs more than two consecutive times, please contact Q3 Innovations, LLC for instructions to have your unit serviced.

Understanding The Results

The result that displays on this device is an estimate of the subject's BAC. The Department of Transportation (DOT) employs the standard of 0.020% as a threshold for a positive test for alcohol in no tolerance screening. Nearly all states have 0.080% as the legal BAC limit for tasks such as operating a motor vehicle. Some states prohibit driving commercial vehicles or any vessel with a 0.040% BAC or higher. This device should only be used as a screening device and may only give a reading of the possible presence of alcohol in the blood of the test subject. Correlation between breath alcohol content and BAC depends

on many factors, including temperature and health conditions. **The exact BAC in the blood of the test subject cannot be exactly determined by using a breath alcohol screening device. Never drink and drive.**

Precautions

1. After drinking, smoking and eating, users should **wait at least 20 minutes** before testing.
2. Avoid testing in strong winds, in a closed room with a heavy amount of smoke, or where a lot of alcohol is being consumed.
3. When the green light below PWR is blinking, replace the 9V alkaline battery.
4. Do not blow cigarette smoke, food or liquid into the instrument because this may damage the sensor.
5. This device is designed to be used in a temperature range of 10– 40 (C) or 50-104 (F). Operation of the unit in temperature ranges above or below this range may affect the accuracy of results.
6. Do not leave the device connected to the AC/DC outlet when the unit is not being used.
7. Avoid testing in the presence of any liquids that contain any kind of alcohol or acetone. These substances may interfere with the results of the test.
8. Conditions that increase the amount of ketones on the breath, such as diabetes and low caloric intake, may cause a false positive test. (i.e., showing a non-zero reading despite not drinking alcohol)
- 9. DO NOT USE THIS DEVICE AS A TOOL TO DETERMINE WHETHER YOU OR ANYONE ELSE SHOULD OPERATE ANY**

MOTOR VEHICLE OR MACHINERY.

10. AN INDIVIDUAL'S BAC CAN CONTINUE TO INCREASE OR DECREASE OVER TIME, DEPENDING ON MANY FACTORS. OBTAINING A BAC READING AT ONE TIME DOES NOT MEAN THE BAC READING WILL BE THE SAME EVEN A FEW MINUTES LATER. THEREFORE, THIS DEVICE SHOULD NOT BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE.

11. THE RESULTS OF THIS DEVICE CANNOT BE USED IN A COURT OF LAW OR FOR EVIDENTIAL ALCOHOL TESTING PROGRAMS REQUIRING A CONFIRMATION TEST PURSUANT TO 49 CFR PART 40.

12. DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE. ALWAYS HAVE A DESIGNATED DRIVER WHEN YOU DRINK ALCOHOL.

SPECIFICATIONS

Housing	Shock resistant, molded plastic
Battery	9V Alkaline
Battery Life	100-200 tests ¹
Sensor	Sensitive semi-conductor sensor
Blowing Time	5 seconds
Response Time	3-10 seconds ¹
Digital Display	4 Digits (0.000 % B.A.C.)
Operating Temp	10 - 40 c (50 - 104 f)
Detection Range	0.000 - 0.400% BAC (Blood Alcohol Content)
Air Sample	5 Second Deep Lung Sample
Calibration	Required periodically. Visit q3i.com
Operation	Single Button
Warranty	1 Year Limited Warranty

1. Estimates, results may vary.

ACCESSORIES

These and other accessories can be ordered directly from Q3 Innovations by calling 888-399-1687 or visit our online store at www.Q3ats.com.

- Mouthpieces
- Wall Adapter
- Leather Carrying Bag
- Hard Carrying Case

VERIFICATION AND CALIBRATION

Overview

Verification is a procedure using an advanced Alcohol Breath Test Simulator that verifies whether the unit is displaying the specific BAC level. If the verification procedure determines that the BAC is not consistent with actual BAC levels, calibration of the device is performed by using an advanced Alcohol Breath Test Simulator. A breath alcohol screening device can start to drift or become contaminated after 6 – 12 months, depending on frequency of use and whether alcohol or other substances penetrate the sensor.

Procedure

If the device is providing inconsistent, unusually high or low readings, or no readings at all (if alcohol has been consumed), your device may need to be re-calibrated. **In addition, this device should be re-calibrated at least every 6-12 months. More frequent calibrations may be required depending on frequency of use; such as once per month if the unit is used daily.**

For detailed information on how to have the device re-calibrated or for technical support, please visit us online at www.q3i.com.

WARRANTY

The manufacturer warrants this device to be free from defects in workmanship or material (excluding calibration) under normal use for one year from the date of purchase. Manufacturer's obligations under this limited warranty are limited to replacing, adjusting, or repairing the unit if returned along with the proof of purchase. This warranty is void if the unit has been tampered with, maliciously damaged, or physically abused.

The enforceability of this warranty is limited to the original consumer purchaser and is not transferable to, or enforceable by, any subsequent owner. In the event of a defect, malfunction or other failure to conform to this warranty, Q3 Innovations, LLC, (Q3I), will, at its sole discretion, repair or replace the unit at no charge. You are responsible for all shipping cost in connection with warranty service. This warranty commences on the date of retail purchase and shall be effective for a period of one year.

THERE ARE NO EXPRESS WARRANTIES COVERING THE UNIT OTHER THAN THOSE SET FORTH IN THIS WARRANTY. ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARE LIMITED TO THE PERIOD OF THIS WARRANTY AND NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, EXTEND BEYOND THIS PERIOD. SOME STATES DO NOT ALLOW LIMITATIONS ON HOW LONG AN IMPLIED WARRANTY LASTS, SO THE ABOVE LIMITATION MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU.

Manufacturer and Q3I will in no event be liable for any consequential, incidental, indirect or special damages (including, but not limited to, lost profits) arising out of or in connection with the use, misuse or function

of the unit. Some states do not allow exclusion of limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

If you feel the device is not functioning properly please review this manual, particularly the instructions. If you still feel warranty service is required, please follow the instructions below:

1. To obtain service during the warranty period, please call 888-399-1687 or email service@q3i.com to obtain an RA number and shipping instructions. Remember to return the device postage paid, insured and in suitable packaging.
2. For your own protection, obtain a proof of delivery receipt. Shipping costs are your responsibility.
3. You must enclose with the unit the following information:
 - a. The completed RMA Form available at www.q3i.com/support.htm.
 - b. Your name, complete return address and written description of the problem. (No PO Box please.)
 - c. A telephone number where you can be reached during normal business hours.
 - d. A copy of your dated sales receipt or invoice. If the device was a gift, please follow the instructions on the RMA Form.

Note: Failure to obtain an RMA number prior to returning the device can result in extended delays and the device may be returned to you without servicing.

DISCLAIMER

Q3I makes no warranties, expressed or implied, as to the ability of this device to determine whether a person is intoxicated, and Q3I expressly disclaims any liability for incidental, special, or consequential damages of any nature. Decisions and/or actions based upon the reading of this device shall be at such person's own risk. Q3I assumes no responsibility for consequences of subjects who test negative when using this device and later show that they are under the influence of alcohol or their judgment has been impaired by alcohol. This device should only be used as a screening device and may only give an indication of the possible presence of alcohol in the blood of the test subject. Correlation between breath alcohol content and blood alcohol concentration depends on many variables, including temperature and health conditions. A safe or low BAC reading on a breath alcohol screener does not mean that the driver's reaction times can respond to any emergency encountered. The exact concentration of alcohol in the blood of the test subject cannot be exactly determined by using a breath alcohol screening device.

This device is intended to measure alcohol in the human breath. The accuracy of this device has been established at a Blood Alcohol Concentration of 0.008% and 0.032%. Accuracy at a Blood Alcohol Concentration greater than 0.032% has not been evaluated.

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BE SAFE AND DRINK RESPONSIBLY

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