

piCO⁺ Smokerlyzer[®]

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Operating manual



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Introduction

Carbon monoxide is a toxic, odourless, colourless, tasteless gas. It is formed by incomplete combustion of organic material at high temperatures, with an insufficient oxygen supply.

When inhaled, CO displaces oxygen in the bloodstream to form carboxyhaemoglobin (COHb). This starves the body tissues of the oxygen vital to repair, regeneration and general living. CO can remain in the bloodstream for up to 24 hours, depending on factors such as physical activity, sex, and inhalation intensity. The half life is about 5 hours.

CO (ppm) and carboxyhaemoglobin (%COHb) correlation:

Breath carbon monoxide is measured in parts per million (ppm) and blood carboxyhaemoglobin is measured in percentages (%COHb). The two are compatible and convertible: the CO reading relates to gas in the lungs and on the breath (i.e. the amount of poisonous CO that has been inhaled), and the COHb reading relates to the percentage of vital oxygen that has been replaced in the bloodstream. The piCO⁺ Smokerlyzer[®] displays both measurements. Clinical research has demonstrated that a useful relationship between carbon monoxide and carboxyhaemoglobin is obtained after a short period of breath-holding.

The cut-off point between smoker and non-smoker has been found to be 6ppm CO. The piCO⁺ Smokerlyzer[®] defines a non-smoker as 0-6ppm, a low-dependence smoker as 7-15ppm and strongly addicted smokers as over 15ppm.

The piCO⁺ Smokerlyzer[®] has been designed so that it can be used with young smokers. As their smoking habits and views are generally different from adult smokers, the cut-off points have changed: 0-4ppm represents a non-smoker, 5-6ppm a light or casual smoker, and over 7ppm a more frequent young smoker.

Other cut-off points can be adopted as well as smoking classification at higher CO levels. The piCO⁺ has a third profile which can be set by the user with COdata⁺ software to achieve complete flexibility in most circumstances

Intended use

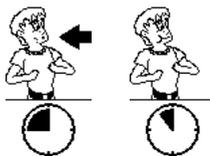
The piCO⁺ Smokerlyzer[®] is a breath carbon monoxide monitor intended for multi-patient use by healthcare professionals in smoking cessation programmes and research. It can also be used as an indicator of carbon monoxide poisoning in a healthcare environment.

Quick start guide

- 1 Turn on the monitor by holding down the button for three seconds.
- 2 Attach a breath sampling D-piece and new mouthpiece.
- 3 Inhale and double click button to start a breath test.



- 4 Hold breath for the 15-second countdown. If unable to hold breath for full 15 seconds, see 'Operation', page 9.

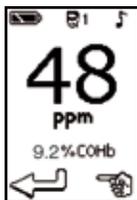


- 5 A beep will sound during the last three seconds of the countdown.

- 6 Blow slowly into mouthpiece, aiming to empty lungs completely.



- 7 The ppm and equivalent % carboxyhaemoglobin (COHb) levels will rise and hold. The coloured LEDs will light accordingly. See the table on page 10 for an interpretation of the reading.



- 8 Remove the D-piece between tests to purge the sensor with fresh air.
- 9 To repeat the breath test, double click the button to return to main display and continue from step two, above.
- 10 To switch off, hold button for 3 seconds. Unit will auto power off after 5 minutes of inactivity.

Pack contents

- 1 Instrument
 - 2 Carry pouch
 - 3 User manual
 - 4 Breath sampling D-piece
 - 5 Disposable cardboard mouthpiece
 - 6 2 × AA batteries
- Infection control and maintenance guidelines

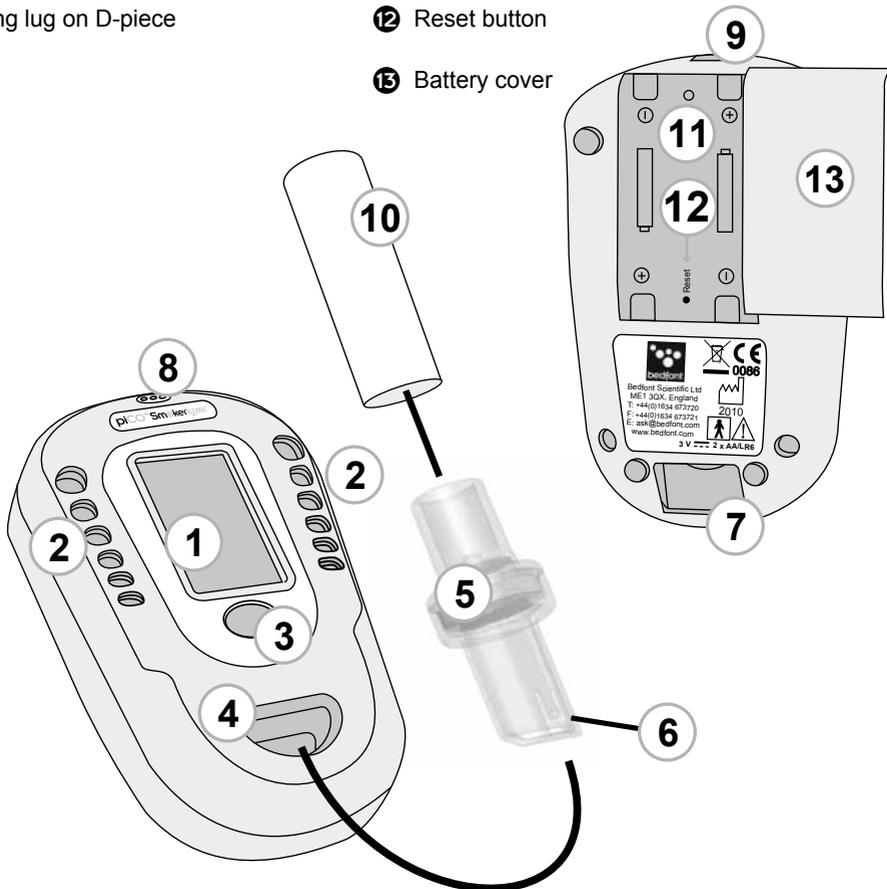


Specification

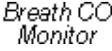
Concentration range:	0-100ppm
Display:	LCD with 1ppm increments
Detection principle:	Electrochemical sensor
Accuracy (repeatability of readings):	±2%
H ₂ cross-interference:	<10%
Power:	2 × AA (LR6 or equivalent) alkaline batteries
Response time:	Typically <30 seconds to 90% FSD
Operating temperature range:	0-40°C (storage 0-50°C)
Operating humidity:	10-90% (storage 0-95%) non-condensing
Sensor operating life:	Approximately 5 years (2-year warranty)
Sensor sensitivity:	1ppm
Dimensions:	Approximately 45 × 75 × 120 mm
Weight:	Approximately 200g (including batteries)
Monitor construction:	Body: Polycarbonate/ABS blend with elastomeric overmould D-piece: Polypropylene

Instrument layout

- 1 Display
- 2 Coloured LEDs
- 3 Button
- 4 Aperture for D-piece
- 5 Breath sampling D-piece
- 6 Securing lug on D-piece
- 7 Exhaust port for breath sample
- 8 Sounder
- 9 USB connector
- 10 Cardboard mouthpiece
- 11 Battery compartment
- 12 Reset button
- 13 Battery cover



Display symbols

- 1 Start up screens:  →  → 
- 2 Battery condition: OK:  Flat:  Dead: 
- 3 User profile: Adult:  1 Adolescent:  2 Custom: 
- 4 Sounder: On:  Mute: 
- 5 Pointer: 
- 6 Start breath test: 
- 7 Enter calibration mode: 
- 8 Enter set-up mode: 
- 9 Inhale: 
- 10 Breath-hold and countdown: 
- 11 Exhale for breath test: 
- 12 Peak CO reading (ppm and %COHb): 
- 13 Set instrument zero in fresh air: 
- 14 Apply calibration gas at 20ppm: 
- 15 Calibration pass/fail: Pass:  Fail: 
- 16 Calibration reminder: 
- 17 User profile selection: 
- 18 Select adult user profile:  1
- 19 Select adolescent user profile:  2
- 20 Select custom user profile (if set via COdata+ software on PC):  3
- 21 Contact Bedfont or distributor for help:   
- 22 D-piece reminder: 
- 23 Return: 

Warnings and maintenance

Warnings

People with lung disease or chest ailments may not be able to achieve the 15-second breath-hold. In such cases, the user should inhale and hold their breath when the breath test is started, and exhale, if necessary, before the countdown has completed.

Mouthpieces should be replaced after every use.

Hands should be washed regularly in accordance with infection control practice.

Cleaning

Wipe the instrument and D-piece external surfaces with a product specifically developed for this purpose. Bedfont provides instrument cleansing wipes.

NEVER use alcohol or cleaning agents containing alcohol or other organic solvents as long term exposure to these vapours will damage the CO sensor inside.

Under no circumstances should the instrument be immersed in liquid or splashed with liquid.

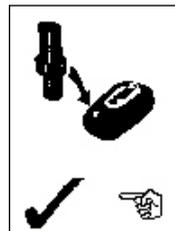
Routine maintenance

Calibrate the monitor using Bedfont 20ppm CO in air calibration gas when prompted by the calibration reminder on the piCO⁺ (see page 11). Once calibration has been carried out a reminder will reoccur in 6 months.

Replace batteries when indicated – battery symbol either  or .

Replace breath sampling D-piece when prompted by the unit every 30 days or if visibly soiled or contaminated.

The D-piece cannot be cleaned or sterilised.



Batteries

Batteries should be removed if the instrument is not likely to be used for some time.

Additional technical information can be made available on request; please contact Bedfont or its distributor.

Operation

Ensure that two AA batteries are correctly located in battery compartment.

- The single button controls all functions:
- One long press of the button (at least three seconds) turns the unit on.
- A single click scrolls the pointer through the list of options.
- A quick double click selects the required option.
- One long press of the button (at least three seconds) turns the unit off.



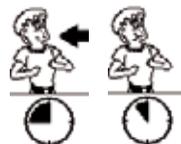
Press and hold the button for three seconds until the display becomes active. Release the button. After a 10-second warm-up period, during which a start-up screen is displayed, the main menu will appear.

If a **X** is shown rather than the main menu, it means that the instrument has failed to set a fresh air zero during start-up. This may be because the ambient air was not clear of carbon monoxide. Ensure that the instrument is in fresh air, then double click the button to repeat the start-up test. If it fails again, see 'Troubleshooting', page 15.

When the pointer is opposite the picture of an exhaling face, the piCO⁺ is ready to start a breath test. The green LEDs will double flash to indicate that the instrument is ready.

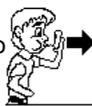
Attach a breath sampling D-piece and a new cardboard mouthpiece to the piCO⁺. Check that all connections are pushed firmly together.

To start a breath test, the patient should inhale and hold their breath, then a quick double click of the button will initiate a 15-second countdown display.



Operation (continued)

Ensure that the breath is held throughout the countdown. An audio beep will sound during the last three seconds of the countdown.



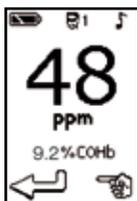
Once the countdown reaches zero, exhale slowly but gently into the mouthpiece. Aim to empty the lungs as much as possible.

If the patient cannot hold their breath for the full 15 seconds, they should commence exhalation at a comfortable point, but exhale completely.

The display will show a rising ppm value, and an equivalent %COHb reading. The coloured LEDs will illuminate, according to the selected user profile.

The sounder will beep at an increasing frequency, according to the concentration of CO measured. To temporarily mute the sounder, press the button once.

The highest level detected during the exhalation will remain on the display. The test is complete when the pointer and 'return' symbols appear at the bottom of the display.



At this point, a single click of the button will temporarily silence the sounder, if it is on.

To start another breath test, double click the button to return to the main display. A new mouthpiece should be used with every test.

Removing the D-piece between tests will allow fresh air to purge the sensor. It is good practice to wash your hands after removing the D-piece.

If no further tests are required, the piCO⁺ should be turned off by holding the button for three seconds. If left on, the piCO⁺ will automatically turn off after five minutes of inactivity.

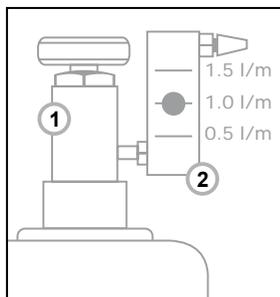
To re-calibrate the instrument, follow the instructions on page 11.

To change the user profile from adult to adolescent (or a custom profile, if one has been set using COdata⁺ software), see page 3.

To permanently silence the sounder during the breath-test, follow the instructions on page 14.

LED colour	Description	User profile 1: Adult (ppm)	User profile 2: Adolescent (ppm)
Green	Non-smoker	0-6	0-4
Yellow	Danger zone	7-10	5-6
1 Red	Smoker	11-15	7-10
2 Reds	Frequent smoker	16-25	11-15
3 Reds	Addicted smoker	26-35	16-25
4 Reds	Heavily addicted smoker	36-50	26-35
4 Reds flashing	Dangerously addicted smoker	51+	36+

Calibration



Bedfont calibration kit

1. Fine control valve
2. Flow indicator
3. Gas cylinder, 20ppm CO in air
4. Calibration adapter and tube



- Instruments are calibrated before leaving Bedfont.

- Calibration reminders will prompt the user to calibrate the unit every six months



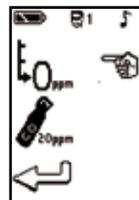
- The calibration gas required is Bedfont 20ppm carbon monoxide in air.
- Ensure that the fine control valve is in the off position.

- Screw the fine control valve and flow indicator assembly to the gas can. This is best done by screwing the gas can into the valve.

- Turn the instrument on in the normal way. When the main menu appears, scroll down to the symbol of the gas cylinder by single clicking the button. Double click to select that symbol.



- Ensure that the instrument is surrounded by fresh air. With the pointer opposite the 'zeroing' symbol, double click the button to set the instrument to zero. If the zeroing has been successful, a tick ✓ will be displayed. If the zeroing fails, a X will be displayed (see 'Troubleshooting', page 15, if this happens). Double click the button to return to the calibration menu.



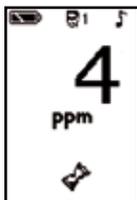
Calibration (continued)

- Single click the button to scroll down to the 20ppm gas cylinder symbol. Double click to select the symbol.



- Immediately open the fine control valve and allow the gas to flow at 1 litre per minute.
- To maintain this, adjust the flow so the ball in the flow indicator remains at the middle line.
- Allow the gas to flow through the instrument for up to 1.5 minutes to ensure accurate calibration, again monitoring the rate of flow.

- As the 20ppm CO calibration gas is applied, the displayed ppm reading will climb. After 1.5 minutes, or until no further increase in the reading is obtained, the final measured value will be shown and sampling will cease.



- If the displayed reading is between 15 and 25ppm, the calibration value will be automatically set in the instrument as 20ppm and a tick ✓ will be displayed to show a successful calibration. If the displayed reading is outside these limits, the calibration fails, and a ✗ will be displayed (see 'Troubleshooting', page 15, if this happens).
- The pointer and 'return' symbols re-appear at the bottom of the display to indicate that the process is complete and to allow the user to double click the button to return to the previous menu.
- Turn off the gas flow, remove the D-piece sampling system, and disconnect the calibration adapter from the D-piece sampling system.
- Unscrew the fine control valve and flow indicator from the gas can and store safely. If the valve is left attached to the can, the gas could escape.
- The piCO⁺ is now calibrated and ready for use.
- The piCO⁺ will prompt the user to calibrate the unit again in six months.

Set-up – User profiles

In the set-up mode, the user can change the selected user profile from adult to adolescent (or to a third custom profile, if one has been set).

The user profiles determine which coloured LEDs are lit during a breath test. The default values for adults and adolescents are shown in the table in 'Operation', page 10. The selected user profile is indicated by the small symbol on the top line of the display:

Adult 1 

Adolescent 2 

Custom 3 

To change the selected profile, scroll the pointer to the set-up symbol  on the main display, using single clicks of the button. Double click to select the set-up mode.

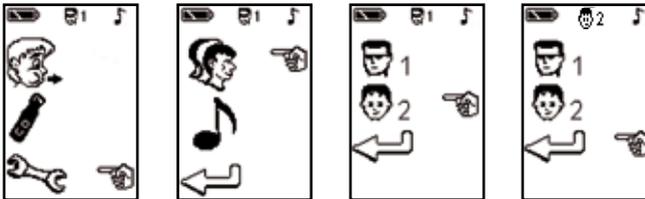
Scroll the pointer until it is opposite the 'User Profile' symbol . Double click to select this function.

Move the pointer until it is opposite the desired profile, then double click to select.

The symbol on the top line of the display will change to show the selected profile.

The custom profile will only be available on the display if it has been previously set using the COdata+ software on a PC.

Exit this function by pointing at the 'return' symbol and double clicking. This returns you to the previous page of the menu.



Set-up – Sounder operation

The set-up mode allows the sounder to be turned off during the breath test, although it will still operate during the breath-hold countdown.

The operation of the sounder during the exhalation phase of a breath test is indicated by the small  symbol on the top line of the display.

- To turn the sounder settings on or off, scroll the pointer to the set-up symbol  on the main display using single clicks of the button. Double click to select the set-up mode – see previous page.
- Scroll the pointer until it is opposite the sounder symbol () then double click to switch the sounder on () or off (). The large sounder symbol and the small symbol on the top line of the display will change to show whether the sounder is on or off.
- Even if the sounder has been turned off, it will continue to operate during the last three seconds of the breath hold countdown.
- Exit this function by pointing at the 'return' symbol  and double clicking. This returns you to the previous page of the menu.
- Single click the button to temporarily silence the sounder during or immediately after the breath test, if required.

Troubleshooting

- If the unit fails to turn on properly, or if either low battery symbols  or  are shown, replace both AA batteries. Ensure that the batteries are inserted the correct way around, matching the symbols moulded into the plastic.
- If a breath test on a non-smoker gives an indication of CO being present, it may indicate a high ambient level of CO (possibly due to a faulty combustion appliance or exhaust fumes), or the effects of passive smoking. A false reading can, under certain circumstances, be caused by alcohol on a person's breath, or the presence of hydrogen, which can be generated in the human digestive system.
- If the display shows a **X** after zeroing, a second attempt can be made to zero the unit in fresh air. Check that the unit is in fresh air and double click the button to restart the zeroing process. If, after a third zeroing attempt, the display shows a **X** again, the unit will have to be reset or restored using the reset button located in the battery bay. If the problem persists, return the monitor to Bedfont or your local distributor for investigation and repair. In this case, the display will show a telephone and envelope symbol. The unit can be turned off by pressing the button for three seconds. It is possible to re-start the unit and attempt the zeroing process again.
- If, after an attempted calibration with 20ppm CO gas, the display shows a **X**, the gas value was not within the permitted limits. The achieved reading is displayed underneath the **X**. If the value is much lower than 20ppm, there may have been a problem with the supply of gas from the cylinder during the calibration process. If the displayed value is much higher than 20ppm, it is possible that the wrong concentration of calibration gas is being used. In either case, check the cylinder, connections and flow rate before double clicking the button to repeat the calibration process. If, after a third repeated attempt to calibrate the instrument, the display shows a **X** again, the unit will have to be reset or restored using the reset button located in the battery bay. If the problem persists, please return the unit to Bedfont or your local distributor for investigation and repair. In this case, the display shows a telephone and envelope symbol. The unit can be turned off by pressing the button for three seconds. It is possible to re-start the unit and use it with the previous calibration settings, or to attempt the complete calibration process again.

COdata⁺ software

Connecting to the PC

- Place one end of the connection lead into the mini USB socket on the top of the piCO⁺. Connect the other end to the USB port on the PC.
- Before starting the software, ensure that the piCO⁺ is connected to the PC and switched on. Once the sensor has stabilised, double click the COdata⁺ icon on the PC to start the programme.
- Refer to the supplied documentation for how to operate COdata⁺ software.
- The custom user profile can only be accessed from COdata⁺.



Frequently asked questions (FAQ)

Frequently asked questions about breath carbon monoxide (CO) monitoring in smoking cessation

Q What is carbon monoxide?

A Carbon monoxide (CO) is a poisonous gas that you cannot smell or see. When a smoker inhales smoke from a cigarette, CO is absorbed into their blood through their lungs. CO is dangerous because it binds to haemoglobin in red blood cells about 200 times more readily than oxygen, depriving the body of vital oxygen.

Q What does a breath CO test show?

A It shows the amount of carbon monoxide in a person's breath (ppm CO), which is a measure of blood carboxyhaemoglobin (%COHb). It also acts as an indicator of the possible level of around 4,000 toxic substances in cigarette smoke, 60 of which can cause cancer.

Q What does ppm and COHb mean?

A Parts per million; in this case, one part of CO in one million parts of air (breath). This might not seem like very much, but ppm has a direct correlation with %COHb (the percentage of CO combined with haemoglobin in the blood).

If a patient gives a reading of 20ppm (that of a frequent adult smoker), it means that their oxygen carrying capacity is reduced by 5%. It also indicates a high level of addiction to nicotine.

Q How quickly does CO disappear from the body when a person stops smoking?

A It takes about 5-6 hours to reduce the original level by half. Usually, after a maximum period of 48 hours, an ex-smoker will have the same level of CO as a non-smoker in the same environment.

Q How long after having a cigarette should the test be conducted?

A After a minimum of 10 minutes.

Q When is the best time to take a CO reading?

A The best time to take a CO reading is as late as possible in the day.

Q What level of breath CO do you expect to see?

A Clinical research has shown that the popular guidelines are:

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3 Reds	Addicted smoker	26-35	16-25
4 Reds	Heavily addicted smoker	36-50	26-35
4 Reds flashing	Dangerously addicted smoker	51+	36+

Returns procedure

If your equipment requires servicing, please contact Bedfont's Customer Repairs Department before returning any goods. If you did not purchase your monitor directly from Bedfont, please contact your local distributor or supplier.

- When you have supplied the Customer Repairs Department with the monitor serial number and description of the fault, you will be issued with a returns number.
- Please state the returns number on a compliment slip or headed paper when returning the monitor, and ensure that your full details, including telephone and fax numbers, are clearly stated.
- Bedfont advise that you use a courier service when returning monitors. This enables you to insure goods for loss or damage in transit.
- When your goods are received, you will be sent an 'order acknowledgement'.
- The monitor will then be examined and you will be sent an 'Engineer's Report' and a quotation for the repair, which will include an authorisation form.
- If your monitor is still in warranty, Bedfont will repair it and return it to you with an 'Engineer's Report', free of charge. If the monitor is found to simply require calibrating, you will be charged a fee for this service if you wish to proceed.
- If the monitor is out of warranty and you wish to proceed with the repair or calibration, complete the authorisation form within the quotation, and ensure that you include the 'Official Purchase Order Number'. Return the unit to Bedfont. Please contact the Customer Repairs Department if you are unable to supply an 'Official Purchase Order Number'.
- If you choose not to proceed with the repair, a handling fee will be charged. Ensure that you return the completed authorisation form with an 'Official Purchase Order Number'.
- The equipment will be returned to you as soon as Bedfont has received all relevant paperwork. A carriage fee will be charged if the monitor is no longer in warranty.

Spares and warranty

Spares:

D-pieces

Disposable cardboard mouthpieces

Calibration gas and kits

Instrument cleansing wipes

AA alkaline batteries

Warranty:

Bedfont Scientific Limited warrants the piCO⁺ (excluding batteries) to be free of defects in materials and workmanship for a period of two years from the date of shipment. Bedfont's sole obligation under this warranty is limited to repairing or replacing, at its choice, any item covered under this warranty when such an item is returned, intact and prepaid, to Bedfont Scientific Limited or the local representative.

These warranties are automatically invalidated if the products are repaired, altered, or otherwise tampered with by unauthorised personnel, or have been subject to misuse, neglect or accident.

Never dispose of any electronic instrument in domestic waste. At the end of the product's life, contact Bedfont or its distributor for disposal instructions.

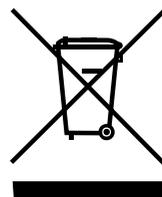
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