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*Model 44-150-1 Low-Level Gamma GM Detector*

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## **Introduction**

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The Model 44-150-1 is a low-level Geiger-Mueller (GM) gamma survey detector that can be used with any portable ratemeter, scaler instrument, or area monitor that provides 550 Vdc with an input sensitivity of  $30 \pm 10$  mV.

**Note:**

The detector does not contain any consumable materials.

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**Note:**

If the detector is used in a manner not intended by the manufacturer, the detector may not function properly.

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## **Unpacking and Repacking**

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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 44-150-1 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.

Every returned instrument must be accompanied by an Instrument Return Form, which can be downloaded from the Ludlum website at [www.ludlums.com](http://www.ludlums.com). Find the form by clicking the “Support” tab and selecting “Service Department” from the drop-down menu. Then choose the appropriate Service Department division where you will find a link to the form.

## Specifications

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**RECOMMENDED OPERATING VOLTAGE:** 550 V

**ENERGY RESPONSE (60 keV-3 MeV):** energy dependent

**SENSITIVITY (<sup>137</sup>Cs Gamma):** 4000 cpm/mR/hr

**BACKGROUND:** 48 cpm

**INPUT SENSITIVITY:** 30 mV  $\pm$ 10 mV

**DEAD TIME:** typically 50 microseconds

**LINEARITY WITH DEAD TIME CORRECTION:** 0.1 mR/hr to 250 mR/hr

**LINEARITY WITHOUT DEAD TIME CORRECTION:** 0.1 mR/hr to 50 mR/hr

**TUBE:** 30 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> stainless steel (Halogen quench) GM

**TEMPERATURE RANGE:** -20 to 50 °C (-4 to 122 °F)

**SIZE:** 4.8 x 11.7 cm (1.9 x 4.6 in.) (Dia x L)

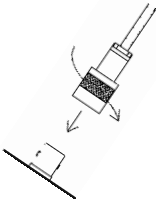
**WEIGHT:** 0.17 kg (0.37 lb)

**CONNECTOR:** series “C,” unless a waterproof detector. Other connectors are available upon request.

## **Operating Procedures**

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### **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 high voltage (HV) is at the proper setting for the detector (550 volts).
2. Connect the detector to the instrument and check for a proper background reading (which is typically 48 cpm).
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, which meet these criteria, are ready for use. Failure to meet these criteria may indicate a malfunction in the detector.



## **Safety Considerations**

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### **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 for operation from -40 to 65 °C (-40 to 150 °F).
4. Maximum relative humidity of less than 95% (non-condensing)
5. Pollution Degree 3 (Occurs when conductive pollution or dry nonconductive pollution becomes conductive due to condensation. This is typical of industrial or construction sites.)

### **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.

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### **Parts List**

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<u>Reference</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Part Number</u>
UNIT	Completely Assembled Model 44-150-1 Gamma Detector	47-3335-1
4 EA	GM TUBE (LND 71210)	01-5236
4 EA	RES – 10 MEG ¼ W, 5% CR 25	10-7031
1 EA	Model 44-150-1 BODY ASSY	2002-768
1 EA	Model 44-2 BODY END PC	7002-084-03
1 EA	Model 43-5 CONN. CAP (O-RING)	7002-505
1 EA	CONNECTOR SERIES “C”	4478-011