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Introduction



Congratulations on the purchase of your new F-920 Check It! Gas Analyzer.

The F-920 Check It! Gas Analyzer is designed for continuous or spot measurement of carbon dioxide (CO₂) and oxygen (O₂) in headspace gas. The Check It! rapidly measures O₂ and CO₂ from 0-100% for fast and accurate sampling of sealed packages or

open atmosphere. The built-in data logger stores thousands of data points and conveniently communicates data through USB or Bluetooth onto a PC or tablet for later analysis. Each data point records concentrations of O₂ and CO₂, flow rate, temperature, relative humidity, GPS location, date and time. Controller software for easy calibrating the F-920 is available for download at www.felixinstruments.com.

With its rapid response time and lightweight handheld profile, the F-920 provides a fast, portable verification process for atmosphere quality control. Easy to use straight out of the box with little or no training, the F-920 is ideal for verifying CO₂ and O₂ levels in Modified Atmosphere Packaging (MAP) applications, packing lines, laboratories, import/export surveys, distribution centers, retail centers, storage facilities, ripening rooms and shipping containers.

We hope you enjoy using your F-920 Check It! Gas Analyzer.

Features & Specifications

The F-920 features include:

- ◆ Measurement of CO₂ and O₂ concentrations from 0-100%
- ◆ Results are displayed in 6-9 seconds
- ◆ Previous records available for review on device
- ◆ Handheld and lightweight (less than 1 kg)
- ◆ Battery lasts for 8+ hours
- ◆ Sunlight-visible transfective LCD display easily viewed in any environment
- ◆ Functional across broad temperature and humidity ranges
- ◆ Bluetooth enabled for rapid data transfer
- ◆ Controller software for easy calibration available online

F-920 Specifications	
Air Sampling Rate	70 mL/min
Measuring Rate	Automated, 1 second intervals to SD in Continuous Mode
Data Storage	Removable 4 GB SD and Bluetooth
Display	Sunlight visible transfective LCD
Operating environment	0°C - 45°C (0-90% relative humidity, non-condensing)
Power Source	Removable rechargeable lithium-ion battery
Dimensions	18cm x 13.5cm x 5.5cm
Weight	0.95kg
Enclosure	Powder coated aluminum
Warm-up time	< 3 minutes

Sensors	
Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) SENSOR	Infrared sensor, pyroelectric detector
Nominal Range	0-100%
Full Scale Resolution	0.01% absolute
Accuracy – Trigger Mode	±.5% absolute and ±3% of measured value
Accuracy – Continuous Mode	±.01% absolute and ±3% of measured value
Lower Detection Limit	.01%
Sampling Time	10 seconds
Zero Interval	Weekly
Calibration Interval	12 Months
Lifetime	5 years
Oxygen (O₂) Sensor	Electrochemical
Nominal Range	0-100%
Full Scale Resolution	0.1% absolute
Accuracy – Trigger Mode	±0.3% absolute and ±2% of measured value
Accuracy – Continuous Mode	±0.1% absolute and ±2% of measured value
Lower Detection Limit	0.1%
Sampling Time	10 seconds
Zero Interval	Weekly
Calibration Interval	6 months
Lifetime	2 years

Unpacking the F-920 Check It!

The F-920 arrives with a hard-sided carrying case, two sets of batteries and a charger, a removable 4 GB SD card, and several

accessory parts. A sampling port with needle is included for taking non-destructive samples from packaging. The sampling port is pictured below, connected to the intake.



Operating Instructions

WARNING: Spring-loaded battery cartridge

Loading the Battery

The F-920 uses 18650 Li-ion 3.7V 3100mAh rechargeable batteries. For longer lifespan, charge the batteries at 0.25A. For a faster charge, charge at 1A. The batteries must be removed from the F-920 to be charged. If the batteries of the F-920 discharge during storage, replace with charged batteries. The Li-ion batteries have little self-discharge and a lifetime of ~ 3 years.



To remove the batteries, twist the battery compartment cap, located on the bottom of the case. The cap can be twisted with fingers or a screw-driver to tighten or loosen it. Take care when removing batteries, as the cap is spring loaded. Both batteries should be inserted into the unit positive (+) side first (towards intake or top).

Additional button-top 19670 (or protected 18650) batteries can be purchased from your preferred battery vendor if replacements are needed.

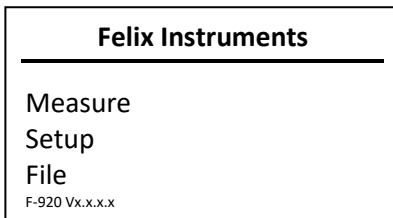
Basic Operation

To turn the instrument on, press the green power button. The current version of firmware the unit is running is displayed in the lower Left hand corner.

For information on the latest firmware version, please visit the F-920 support webpage: www.felixinstruments.com/support/F-920.

The battery meter is listed on the lower right hand side of the display.

The main menu displays the following options: **Measure**, **Setup**, and **File**. If the power button is pressed, the display will prompt for confirmation before shutting down the F-920.



To scroll between menu items in the list, use the Up and Down arrows. To select an option from the menu list, use the Right arrow. To exit, use the Left arrow.

Measurement Modes

Two measurement modes are incorporated into the F-920
Check It!

- ◆ Continuous mode
- ◆ Trigger Mode

Continuous mode measures the air entering through the input of the instrument. Continuous mode can be used **with or without the sample port** attached to the front of the instrument. Data is saved to a file every one second on the F-920.

Trigger mode measures the air entering through the input of the instrument. The pump will run and the sample will enter until a stable reading has been achieved. The final values will be displayed on screen and saved to the SD card. The pump will then turn off until the user initiates a new measurement. Trigger mode can be used with or without the sample port attached to the front of the instrument.

To change between modes, Navigate to Setup > Mode from the main menu.

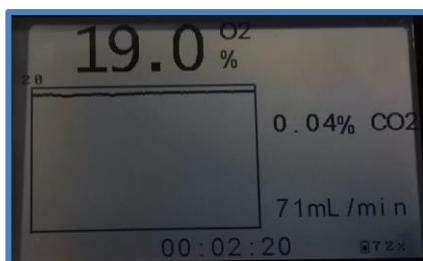
Measure

From the main menu, press the right arrow when the word 'Measure' is highlighted to enter the measurement display screen. All measurement parameters are saved to the SD card every 1 second in continuous mode. When the SD card is not present, the data will not be saved. The unit also comes equipped with Bluetooth technology, designed for wireless transfer of data (see *Transferring Files*, page 15).

If sampling very high concentrations followed by very low concentrations, allow the instrument to **purge** internal gas for the most accurate measurements.

Continuous Mode

When in continuous mode, a graph of the concentration of each gas can be viewed over time. The default graph shown is the O₂ concentration in ppm. To view the CO₂ graph, simply use the up and down arrows to scroll through the graphs. The current gas being graphed is shown on the top of the screen with the concentration in large font as shown below.



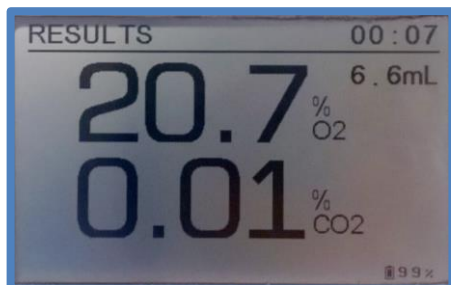
The x-axis of the graph is time. The y-axis of the graph displays the range of the concentration in % for CO₂ and O₂, and the dynamic range is labeled at the top. The y-axis scale is set by the highest value shown in the buffer.

The graph begins on the Left side and moves towards the right as more data points are added. The total measurement time is displayed below the graph. The flowrate (mL/m) is displayed at the bottom.

Trigger Mode

A measurement in trigger mode will initiate a small volume sample taken over several seconds until the reading is stable. To begin, press the square start button as prompted to measure.

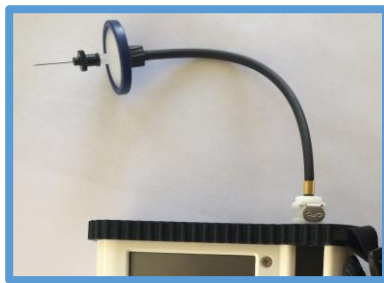
This will turn on the pump before drawing in sample gas. Trigger mode will take longer to stabilize if the concentration is in a different range from the last sample.



The results will be saved to the SD card. Press the square start button to begin another measurement. Press the Left arrow to exit to the main menu.

Taking a Measurement

Assemble the probe and connect the needle probe tubing to the intake of the F-920. Twist on a hydrophobic filter to the end of the tubing. [NOTE: Failure to use a hydrophobic filter risks drawing liquids into the instrument, which will potentially damage the instrument.] The filter will prevent any moisture or debris from entering the instrument. Finally, attach a sterile



needle to the filter. Depending on the application, needles can be re-used.

From the main screen, select 'Measure' and then the right arrow button. This will initiate a measurement in either mode. The F-920 will run either continuously (continuous mode) or until the minimum stable sample volume has been reached (trigger mode). Press the Left arrow button to return to the measurement screen.

Passcode Protection

Certain menu systems on the F-920 are protected by a passcode setting. These menu systems include Parameters, Set Zero, Calibration, and Factory Setup. The default code for entry is '1111'. The passcode only needs to be entered once for each reboot of the device. If the device is powered off, the passcode will need to be entered again for entry into the menu systems described above.

To set the passcode to a four-digit code other than the default setting, please follow the steps below.

1. Open SD card on PC
2. Click the 'View' tab in the taskbar
3. Click 'Options' in the far right of the toolbar
4. Open the 'View' tab
5. Scroll down and uncheck the box named 'Hide protected operating systems (Recommended)'
6. Check the box named 'Show hidden files, folders, and drives'
7. Click 'Yes'
8. Click 'Apply' and then click 'OK'

9. Open the Config.txt file that should now appear inside the SD card
10. Alter the '1111' to four-digit numeric passcode desired
11. Save the changes
12. Insert SD card back into Gas Analyzer

Setup Menu

Use the right arrow to enter the Setup Menu from the Main Menu screen. The following options are available:

Mode

Parameters

Set Zero

Calibration

O2 Calibration in Air

Date & Time

GPS

Language

Factory Setup

Setup > Mode

The Mode menu contains two options:

Measure: switches between Continuous and Trigger mode.

Connection: switches between USB Storage (default), Bluetooth (enabled in future versions), or USB Ctrl (enables communication to controller software).

To change, use the Up/Down arrows to cycle through the mode options. Press the Left arrow to exit to the main menu.

Mode	
Measure	Trigger
Connection	USB Storage

Setup > Parameters

The parameters option allows the user to control the sample volume from 10.0 mL up to 29.9 mL when using Trigger mode. The default volume is 10 mL.

Setup > Set Zero

The set zero process sets a new baseline, or zero, for the sensors:

CO₂

O₂

Set zero should take place weekly for both the Oxygen (O₂) sensor and the Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) sensor to maintain maximum performance. To set zero, first press the right arrow to select the sensor. Wait for a beep to verify the set zero process was completed. The set zero process requires the use of 100% nitrogen gas for O₂, and an external conditioning chamber full of Soda Lime to set zero for CO₂. Setting zero is important in establishing a daily zero baseline for the sensors.

For the O₂ sensor, an alternative calibration, O₂ calibration in air, can be used instead of setting zero with 100% N₂ gas. Please see the 'O₂ Calibration in Air' section for more details on this process.

The following instructions can be followed to set zero for the **CO₂ sensor**:

The F-920 is shipped with an external conditioning tube and a jar of Soda Lime. Fill the conditioning tube with the Soda Lime granules, keeping the ends packed with the cotton ball filters. Connect the external conditioning tube to the inlet and outlet of the F-920, seen below. Continue through the standard set zero process. The F-920 will prompt the user to use "0ppm/N₂". The Soda Lime external conditioning tube creates a 0 ppm CO₂ environment, alternatively, the user can connect N₂ gas, which provides a 0 ppm CO₂ environment as well.

****The Soda Lime external conditioning tube is used for the CO₂ Set Zero process only.***



Next, verify the set zero calibration by measuring ambient air. Run the set zero calibration again if the verification is not successful.

Setup > Calibration

The calibration feature allows the user to set zero and set span without the use of a computer or Gas Analysis Software (G.A.S.). Unlike Setup > Set Zero in the next section, a zero-standard gas is required as well as standard gases for the set span process.

The F-920 Check It! Will prompt the user to set up a zero gas, which can be achieved by feeding 100% Nitrogen to the intake. The unit will countdown to set zero. The following screen will prompt the user to setup a span gas, which is a known standard gas used for the span calibration process. For more information on standard gases used for calibrating the Check It! Refer to the calibration section in the 'Maintenance of your F-920 Check It!' section.

Setup > O2 Calibration in Air

Alternative to setting zero for the oxygen sensor weekly with 100% N2 gas, a user can use the O2 calibration in air menu option to calibrate the O2 sensor using ambient air.

Right arrow on this menu option to begin the calibration. The display will read, 'Use fresh air (20.9%) Please wait...'. The F-920 will beep upon completion of the O2 calibration in air.

Setup > Date and Time

To adjust the date and time, use the Right and Left arrows to move between Month/Day/Year and Hour/Minute/Second and use the Up and Down arrows to change the values. To exit, use

the Left arrow to back out of the screen and return to the Setup menu.

Date & Time	
MM/DD/YYYY	hh : mm : ss
04/21/2016	17 : 01 : 43

Setup > GPS

The GPS sensor inside of the F-920 Check It! can be used to record latitude and longitude +/- 10 meters. The instrument should be operated outside, without overhead obstruction for best GPS performance. The Setup > GPS menu turns on/off the GPS sensor and displays the current GPS data. Data is also saved to the SD card as a .csv file.

GPS	
Enable GPS	Yes/No
Acquiring GPS data.....	
Longitude	122.558
Latitude	45.59

Setup > Language

The Language menu will display options for:

English

Spanish

Portuguese

Use the Up and Down arrows to select.

Setup > Factory Setup

The Factory Setup menu is used to:

Restore: Restores factory defaults

Backup: Backs up current parameters. "Backup device's configurations?": NO or YES

File Menu

In the File Menu, the user can manipulate files on the F-920 Check It! The F-920 will by default save to the most recently used file on the instrument. The file menu contains:

Select

Create

Delete

Review

All files created by the F-920 are .csv (comma separated value) file extensions.

To view data on a computer, simply insert the SD card into a computer's SD card reader (**always power off the F-920 before removing the SD card**). The computer should automatically detect the SD card as a new storage device enabling access to measurement data from any computer. The mini-USB port can

also be used to establish a USB connection with a computer to transfer data from the F-920 Check It!

File > Select

File Select displays a list of .csv files that exist on the F-920 Check It! SD card. Use the Up/Down arrows to move between files, and right arrow to select a file to which new data will be saved. If the unit is powered on and no file is selected, the data

Select
Data . csv
16_04_04_0 . csv

will be default saved to the file *data.csv*. In the file, each data point is labeled with time and date for easy sorting.

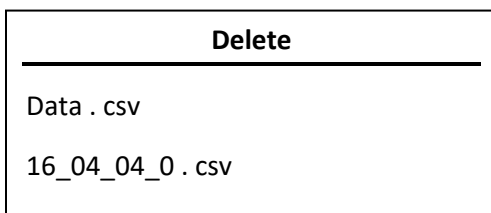
File > Create

Pressing the Right arrow when 'Create' is selected will create a new file according to the naming scheme programmed on the instrument, XX_XX_XX_X or Year_Month_Date_Ordinal. After pressing the right arrow, go to File > Select to see the list of files on the SD card. There will be a new file in the list with the current date.

File > Delete

File Delete displays a list of files that exist on the F-920 Check It! SD card. Use the Up/Down arrows to scroll between files and use the right arrow to delete the selected file. A message will

appear: “Delete File?” Press the Left arrow for No, leaving the file intact. Press the Right arrow for Yes, deleting the file.



File > Review

File Review displays a list of files on the SD card and allows you to view up to 10 of the data in the files. Use the Up/Down arrows to scroll between files and the right arrow to enter the selected file. The *data.csv* file is the F-920 default file used to store data when no other file is selected.

After selecting a file name, the measurement mode with time of the measurement and gas concentration will appear for Trigger mode readings. Use the Up and Down arrows to highlight a measurement and the Right arrow to enter the measurement and see the more detailed data, including Date, Time, O₂ and CO₂ concentrations, Mode and Sample Volume.

Transferring Files

Open the saved data files on the SD card using Microsoft Excel or Notepad. Data files are saved as .csv file extensions (comma separated values). The following figure is an example data spreadsheet. Data values included are the date and time of the measurement, the measurement mode, the CO₂ concentration in percent, the O₂ concentration in percent, the temperature of the gas stream in degrees Celsius, the relative humidity (RH) of the gas stream in percent, the flow rate of the gas stream in milliliters (mL) per minute, and GPS data.



Example spreadsheet data from an F-920 Check It!

Date	Time	Mode	C2H4(ppm) O2(%)	CO2(%)	RH(%)	Temperat	Flow(ml)	GPS_Lon	GPS_Lat	Raw			
4/18/2016	8:08:15	Continuot	N/A	50.2	0.04	32.1	25.6	0	N/A	N/A	0.41282	30719	92933
4/18/2016	8:08:16	Continuot	N/A	50.2	0.04	32.1	25.6	35	N/A	N/A	0.41315	30717	92932
4/18/2016	8:08:17	Continuot	N/A	50.2	0.04	32.1	25.6	73	N/A	N/A	0.41317	30762	92929
4/18/2016	8:08:18	Continuot	N/A	50.2	0.04	32.2	25.6	84.5	N/A	N/A	0.41297	30813	92933
4/18/2016	8:08:19	Continuot	N/A	50.2	0.04	32.2	25.6	89.5	N/A	N/A	0.41320	30813	92941
4/18/2016	8:08:20	Continuot	N/A	50.2	0.04	32.3	25.6	89	N/A	N/A	0.41346	30795	92947
4/18/2016	8:08:21	Continuot	N/A	50.2	0.04	32.3	25.6	89	N/A	N/A	0.41292	30810	92945
4/18/2016	8:08:22	Continuot	N/A	50.2	0.04	32.3	25.6	89	N/A	N/A	0.41348	30850	92939
4/18/2016	8:08:23	Continuot	N/A	50.1	0.04	32.3	25.6	86	N/A	N/A	0.41198	30846	92937
4/18/2016	8:08:24	Continuot	N/A	50.1	0.04	32.3	25.6	84.5	N/A	N/A	0.41207	30818	92954
4/18/2016	8:08:25	Continuot	N/A	50.3	0.04	32.3	25.6	80.5	N/A	N/A	0.41373	30807	92965
4/18/2016	8:08:26	Continuot	N/A	50.3	0.04	32.2	25.6	81.5	N/A	N/A	0.41377	30777	92967

REMEMBER: Always save the data files to the computer before making changes or starting analysis. **Raw output field designations: Raw C2H4, Raw O2, Raw CO2, CO2 Ref, Zero Baseline, Temp (10x), RH (10x), Battery Voltage, Pressure (mbar)*

Wireless SD Memory Card Operation

These instructions are meant to accompany the instructions supplied by the vendor for Toshiba FlashAir™ W-03 to use specifically with the F-920 Check It! Gas Analyzer, which can be similarly applied to other Felix Instruments products.

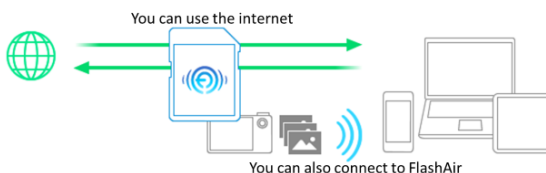
1. Install FlashAir™ Wi-Fi card software appropriate to the SD card.
 - a. Visit <https://www.toshiba.co.jp/p-media/english/download/wl/software02.htm> to download the software for configuring the Wi-Fi card and obtain vendor operation instructions.
2. Insert the Wi-Fi card onto a personal computer (PC).
3. Open the “FlashAirTool” on your PC to configure the SD card.
4. Follow the configuration instructions prompted by the “FlashAirTool”.
5. For additional guidelines, access the “Help” menu inside the “FlashAirTool” software.



6. The Wi-Fi card can be enabled in “internet pass thru mode”, outlined in the following documentation provided within the FlashAirTool software:
 - Go to Network Settings on the main menu
Check Internet pass thru mode
This function is available for FlashAir™ W-03 and FlashAir™ W-02 (Ver. F19BAW3AW2.00.02 or later) cards.

When this function is enabled, the FlashAir™ card can be used like a router, by allowing another access point to be connected via the card.

When an internet access point is connected, images stored on the FlashAir™ card can be viewed, and the internet can also be accessed. This is convenient when, for example, uploading image files downloaded from a FlashAir™ card onto social networking services, as there is no need to change the Wi-fi device network settings on your smartphone.



*** CAUTION:** If you want to connect to the internet without using the internet pass thru mode, the wireless LAN setting connection on

your smartphone or other device must be changed from the FlashAir™ card to the internet access point.

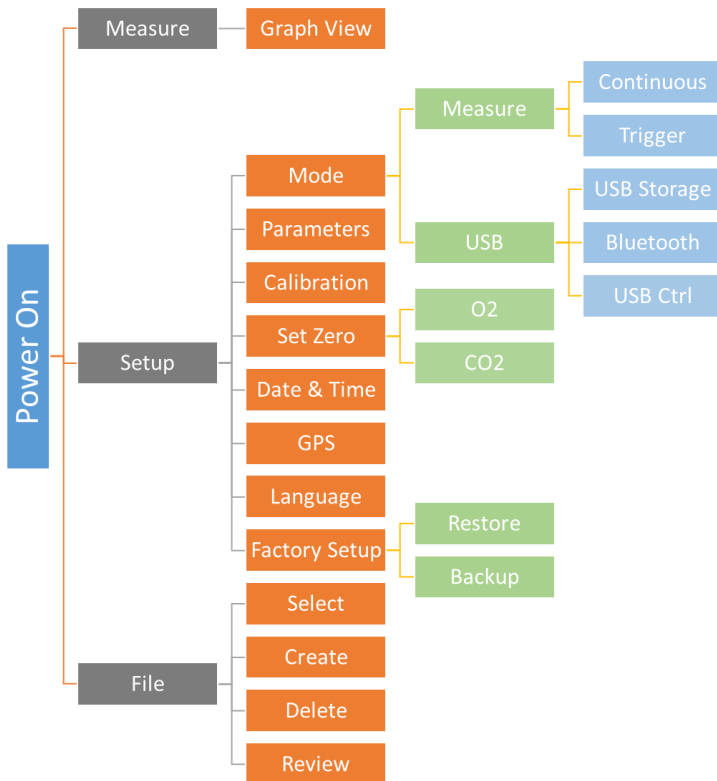
Check the “Enable internet pass thru mode” checkbox to enable “internet pass thru mode”.

- Access Point SSID
Sets the SSID of the internet access point.
Enter the SSID for the access point that you will use. An SSID of up to 32 alphanumeric characters can be entered.
- Access Point Password
Set the internet access point password.
Enter the password for the access point that you will use.
- In your browser, enter <http://flashair> to view or stream your files

For more information on the Toshiba FlashAir™ W-03 Wireless SD Memory Card, contact the application vendor at <https://www.toshiba.co.jp/p-media/wwwsite/contact.htm>,

F-920 Check It! Menu Map

Below is a map of the F-920 Check It! Two Gas Analyzer menu system. Press the right arrow to enter a menu and the Left arrow to exit.

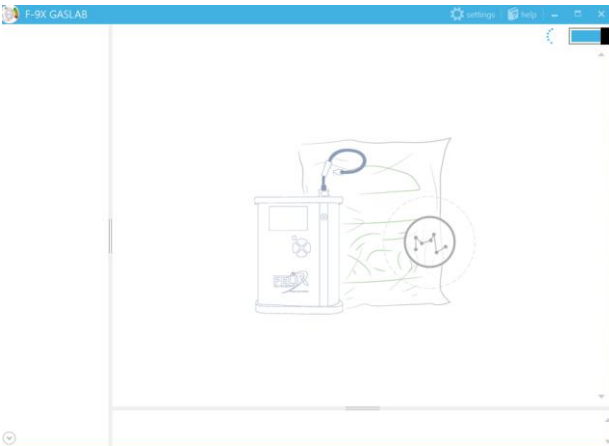


Gas Analysis Software (G.A.S.)

Gas Analysis Software (G.A.S.) enables the user to not only calibrate the F-920 Check It!, but also view graph displays of measurements, download, edit and add notes to files, create upper and lower thresholds for quality monitoring, and remotely navigate through the F-920 Check It! menu system.

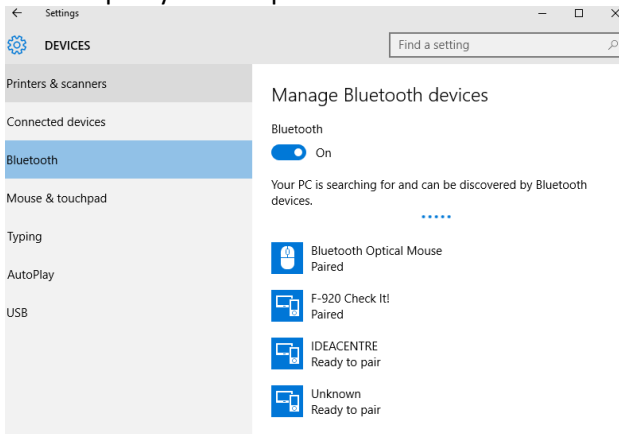
- A. Download the F-9x GAS_LAB_Beta.exe from <https://felixinstruments.com/support/F-920/software/>
- B. Install
- C. Launch the program

There are two ways to connect the F-920 Check It! To the Gas Analysis Software (G.A.S.) program: Bluetooth or USB cable connection.



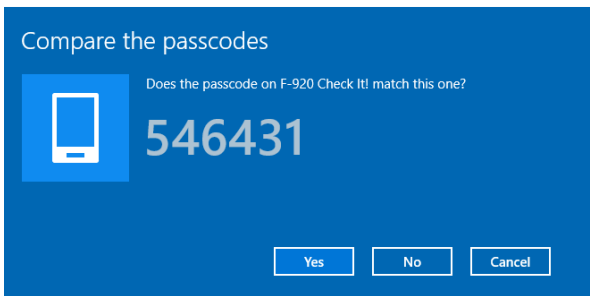
1. For USB cable connection, move ahead to step 4. For Bluetooth connection, on your F-920 Check It!, navigate to Setup > Mode > Connection > Bluetooth. On your

windows pc navigate to Settings > Devices > Bluetooth and pair your computer to the F-920 Check It!

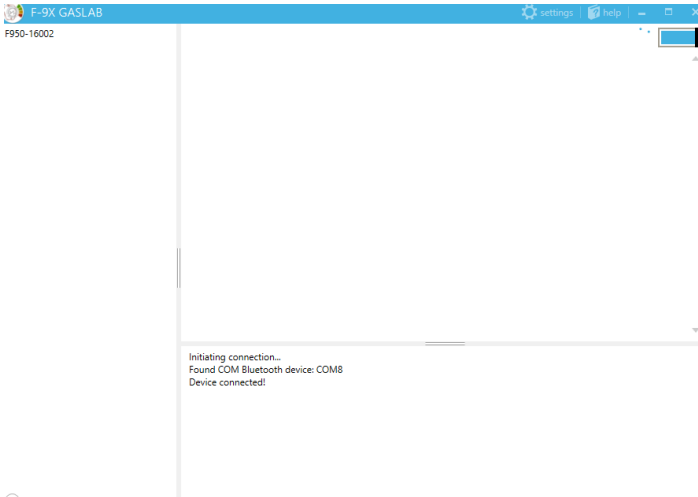


2. Verify that the passcode matches between the F-920 Check It! and the computer, accept each.

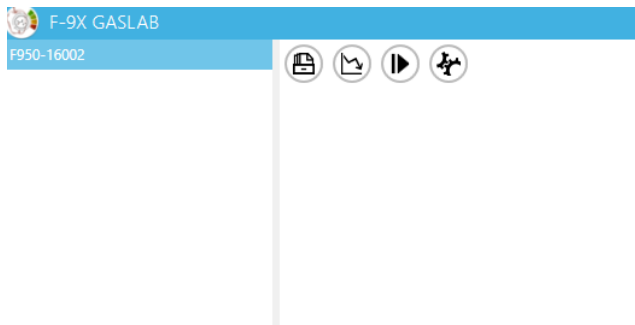
Compare the passcodes



3. Once verified, navigate back to GAS ANALYSIS SOFTWARE (G.A.S.), the program will initiate a connection with the F-920 Check It!



4. Once connected, your device serial number should appear in the upper left hand corner of the window, click on the serial number, you are now ready to interact with the F-920 Check It! Click on the grey and blue square in the upper right hand corner to dis-connect or re-connect.



Menu System



The following will describe the menu system functions and symbols:



The 'Files' menu allows viewing of all files saved to the F-920 Check It!



The 'Measurement Monitor' menu displays measurements graphically in real time.



The 'Control Panel' menu displays toggle keys which allow the user remote control of the F-920 Check It!

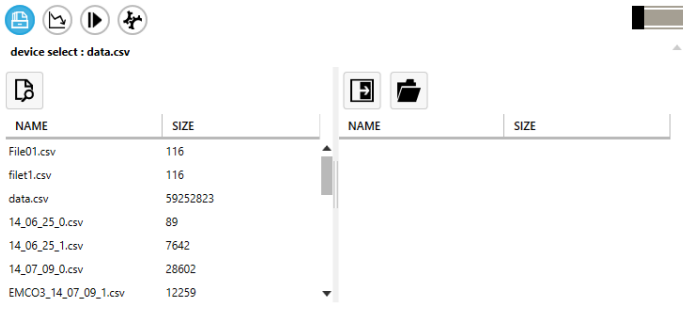


The 'Calibration' menu navigates the user through the calibration process for both set zero and set span.

Files



The files menu will display all files saved to the SD card of the F-920 Check It!



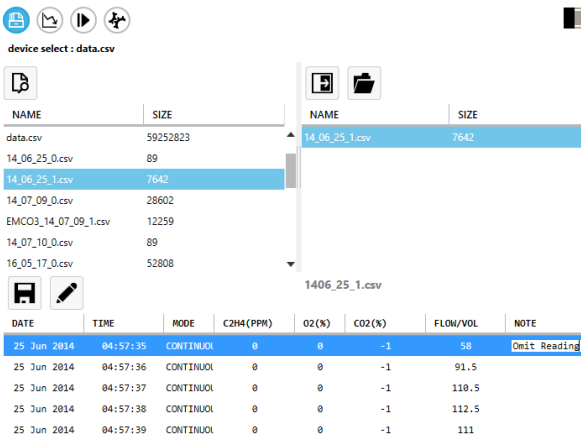
Just select the file of interest and choose whether to download the file from the device,



Or open a saved file from your pc.



When the document appears on the right hand column, select it to view and make edits in the 'Note' section. Edits can include deleting and making customized notations.



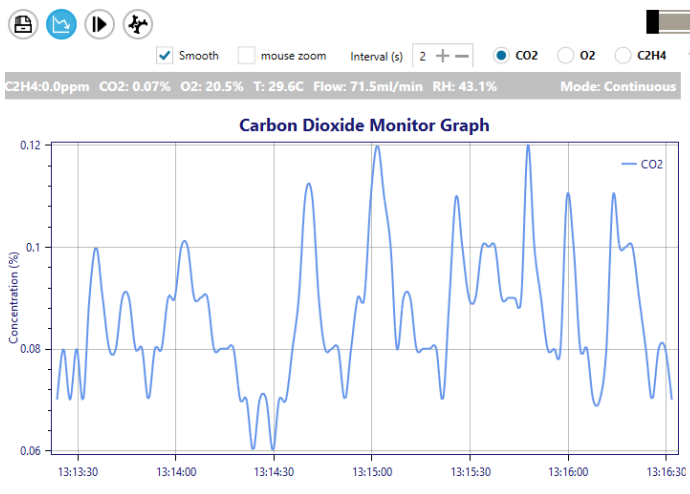
Once done reviewing and editing your data, select the save icon to save your changes. These changes will be saved to your pc.





Measurement Monitor



The Measurement Monitor menu allows the user to view a graphical live feed of measurements taken on the F-920 Check It! This feature will display the measurement mode being used, the selected gas, temperature, flow, and RH with the option to toggle between CO₂, O₂ and C₂H₄. Zoom-in and zoom-out display can be adjusted as well as the time interval. Left click on the line to see information on the data point!



When Trigger mode is selected, the measurements will display upon completion in consecutive rows where the user can again edit and add notes to the data.

TRIGGER MODE MEASUREMENTS

DATE	TIME	MODE	C2H4 (PPM)	O2 (%)	CO2 (%)	FLOW/VOL
18 Jul 2016	01:08:34	TRIGGER	0	20.5	0.08	6.7
18 Jul 2016	01:09:51	TRIGGER	0	20.6	0.09	6.6
18 Jul 2016	01:10:03	TRIGGER	0	20.5	0.14	7.1

Control Panel



The Control Panel Menu allows the user to control the F-920 Check It! From a computer using a series of toggle keys seen below.



By pressing up or down, the user can navigate through the file menu to change settings on the unit and use the square button to take a measurement.

Calibration



The Calibration menu enables a two-point calibration process for the F-920 Check It! Including Zero Calibration and Span Calibration. See “Calibration” in the Maintenance section.

Zero Calibration Span Calibration

Sensor

Gas Source

Timer: 3 minutes

Status: Ready

Instructions

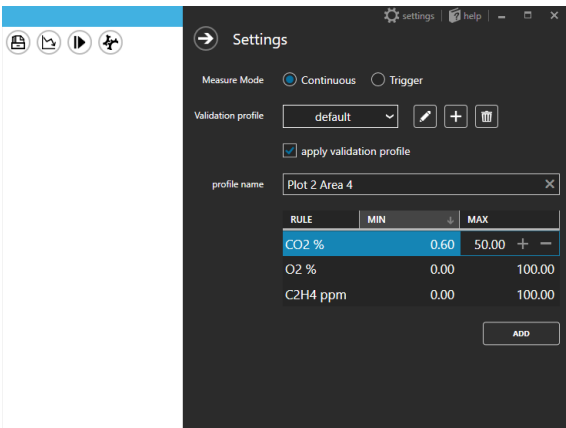
1. Connect standard gas source to device inlet
Note: use a [T.Connection](#) if running gas from pressurized tank via pressure regulator to vent excess gas and prevent damage to device
2. Put device in Continuous Monitor Mode
3. Specify sensor, gas source for calibration
4. Specify gas running duration for steady state measurement (Typically: 3 minutes).
5. Click start to begin calibration
6. Upon calibration completed, check sensor reading to verify if calibration is successful

Settings

The Gas Analysis Software (G.A.S.) offers a settings menu allowing the user to switch between continuous and trigger modes, as well as setting thresholds for QA monitoring.



The user has the flexibility to create a customized validation profile, creating unique profile names and threshold values for each gas of interest, useful for quality monitoring!



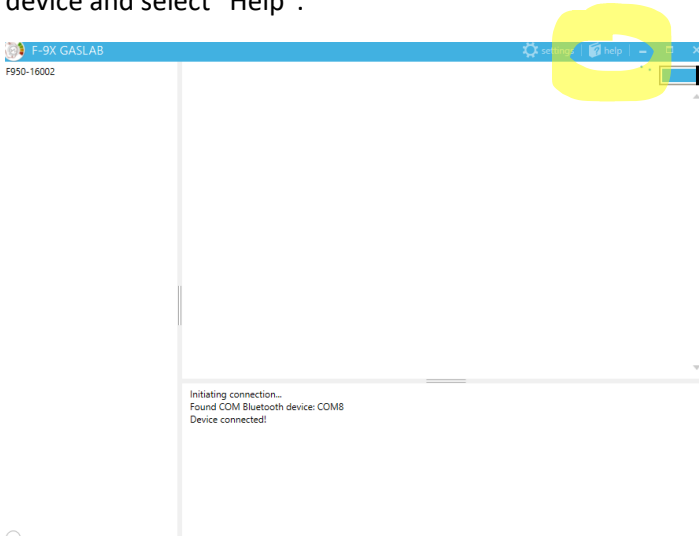
Simply "apply validation profile" created after selecting your customized validation profile, and then proceed to see your results in the Measurement Monitor display.

TRIGGER MODE MEASUREMENTS

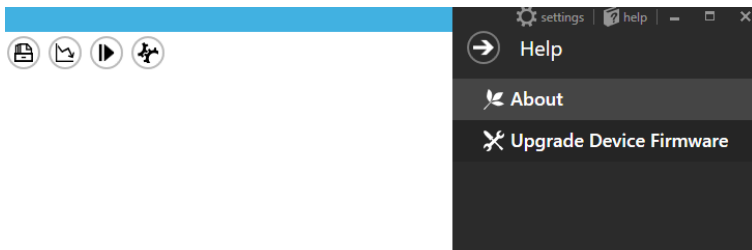
DATE	TIME	MODE	C2H4 (PPM)	O2 (%)	CO2 (%)	FLOW/VOL	VALIDATION	NOTE
09 Jun 2014	12:06:28	TRIGGER	0	20.9	0.06	6.6	Fail	
09 Jun 2014	12:07:19	TRIGGER	0	20.8	0.06	6.4	Fail	

Firmware Update

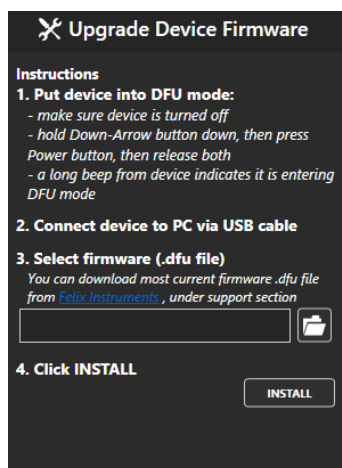
To update the firmware on the F-920 Check It!, you will need to download and install the Gas Analysis Software (G.A.S.) outlined in the previous section. Launch the software, connect your device and select “Help”.



This will reveal a menu with the option to update your firmware.



Once “Upgrade Device Firmware” is selected, the software will outline a series of steps for the upgrade.



Follow the instructions provided in steps 1 and 2, step 3 requires the selection of a .dfu file, which can be downloaded from: <https://felixinstruments.com/support/F-920/software/>

Once the file is downloaded to your computer and selected in step 3, click install as prompted in step 4.

You will be prompted to wait while the firmware upgrades.

Please wait

Found device in DFU mode.

Upgrading device firmware to FW_950_v1.8.7.7.dfu...

Followed by a confirmation that the firmware uploaded successfully. Press “OK” and proceed to power on the unit by

pressing and holding the power button for 10 seconds. You're done!

Successful!

Current firmware upgraded to FW_950_v1.8.7.7.dfu

Press and hold POWER button for 10 seconds to reboot device.



Maintenance of your F-920 Check It! Gas Analyzer

WARNING: If you plan to store this device for longer than 1 month, follow the instructions below (Steps 1-3) on how to disconnect the O₂ sensor from the board. This will prolong the life of the O₂ sensor.

Replacing the Oxygen (O₂) Sensor

The oxygen sensor has a life span of one (1) year, we suggest sending in the unit for annual maintenance to replace components like the O₂ sensor. The replacement of the sensor is simple and quick. To purchase the sensor from Felix Instruments contact sales@felixinstruments.com. For instructions to replace the sensor refer to images on the following page:

1. Turn off the F-920 Check It! and remove the bottom rubber mat.

2. Remove the battery cap (it's spring loaded!) and unscrew the black bottom plate of the F-920.
3. Unplug the red and black cable connector by gently pulling the fastener out the end of the O₂ sensor.
4. Unscrew the O₂ sensor (counter-clockwise).
5. Screw in the new sensor (clockwise) until you feel a resistance—not too tight!
6. Plug in the cable connector by pressing the white fastener into the end of the new O₂ sensor.
7. Screw the bottom plate into position, and fasten the battery cap.
8. Place the bottom rubber mat—and congratulations you've done it!



Calibration

Full set span calibrations should take place annually for the CO₂ sensor and bi-annually for the O₂ sensor. Always set zero before setting span. If you have not already done so, download the GAS ANALYSIS SOFTWARE (G.A.S.).exe package setup software from <http://www.felixinstruments.com/support/F-920> and install it on your computer. See “Gas Analysis Software (G.A.S.)” section. For CO₂ Calibration standard gases, we suggest 100% CO₂ for the set span procedure and a verification gas at a lower value, like 20%. For O₂ Calibration standard gases, we suggest 50% O₂ for the set span procedure and a verification using ambient air (20.9% O₂).

The GAS ANALYSIS SOFTWARE (G.A.S.) Calibration menu enables a two-point calibration process for the F-920 Check It! Including Zero Calibration and Span Calibration.

Zero Calibration Span Calibration

Sensor

Gas Source

Timer : 3 minutes

Status **Ready**

Instructions

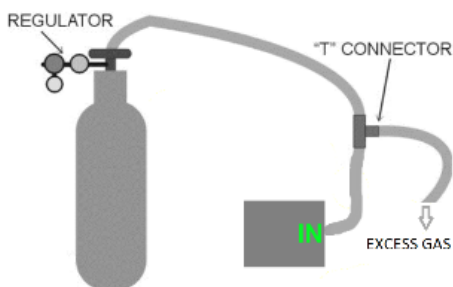
1. Connect standard gas source to device inlet
2. Put device in Continuous Monitor Mode
3. Specify sensor, gas source for calibration
4. Specify gas running duration for steady state measurement (Typically: 3 minutes).
5. Click start to begin calibration
6. Upon calibration completed, check sensor reading to verify if calibration is successful

Note: use a [T.Connection](#) if running gas from pressurized tank via pressure regulator to vent excess gas and prevent damage to device

Set zero should take place once weekly for O₂ and every 6 months for CO₂ to maintain maximum performance. The set zero process does not require Gas Analysis Software (G.A.S.),

see "Setup > Set Zero" section of the user manual. Set zero optionally CAN be done with the Gas Analysis Software (G.A.S.) utilizing 100% N₂ gas (0% CO₂ and 0% O₂ gas).

After setting zero, select "Span Calibration" and follow the instructions outlined in the software to complete the Span calibration process, a diagram outlining how to connect your standard gas will display.



The timer is defaulted to 3 minutes, which is typically a sufficient stabilization period, if a longer stabilization period is needed, increase the timer to 5 minutes. Press start and wait for the calibration process to complete.

Zero Calibration Span Calibration

Sensor

Gas Source (%) + -

Timer : 3 minutes

Status Ready

After pressing "Start", you will see the following prompt reminding the user of the set Zero process.

Span Calibration

This will start span calibration process.

(Note: Zero calibration should be performed before this process)

Are you sure?



If you have already completed the set zero process, press "Ok". Another prompt will appear asking the user to put the device in Continuous Monitor mode (On the F-920 Check It!: Setup > Mode > Measure > Continuous). Then navigate to the main menu and begin measuring.

Span Calibration

Please put device in Continuous Monitor Mode.




Press "Ok". The Gas Analysis Software (G.A.S.) will begin the calibration process and count down.

Zero Calibration **Span Calibration**

Sensor

Gas Source (%) + -

Timer : 3 minutes 

Status **Calibrating...**


02:12

Once the calibration is completed, a green verification can be seen above the start button.

Status **Calibration completed**

Following step 6 of the instructions listed, you should now verify the calibration was successful by taking a reading of the standard gas used in the process. The reading should fall within specifications outlined on page 2-3 in the user manual.

Continuous Mode Verification *After Set Span

The following procedure is to check whether the sensors were calibrated to read within spec of the actual gas value. For O₂, the specification is $\pm 0.25\%$ absolute and $\pm 2\%$ of measured value. For CO₂, the specification is $\pm 1\%$ absolute and $\pm 3\%$ of measured value.

It is highly recommended that this step be performed after one full day has passed since the calibration was performed. If this step is not performed, accuracy of the calibration cannot be verified.

Connect and read each gas and record the results here after three minutes (at least) of measure time. If any of the values are out of specification, check your procedure and recalibrate the sensor again. The specifications for the CO₂ sensor are $\pm 1\%$ absolute and $\pm 3\%$ of measured value while the accuracy of the O₂ sensor is $\pm 0.25\%$ absolute and $\pm 2\%$ of measured value.

Gas	Concentration	Pass/Fail
Air (Air is ~20.9% O₂)	20.9% O ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
CO₂ Verification Gas		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
O₂ Verification Gas		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

For information on sourcing known gases required for calibration, please refer to the following website to inquire about your region:

<https://www.airliquide.com/group/where-we-operate>

FAQ

I have a clogged probe message, what do I do?

- The F-9xx series will display a clogged probe message when there is a problem with air flow. This can be caused potentially by a bad/saturated filter, which is replaceable. Additionally, check the hosing and probe for moisture and debris, remove the sampling probe and see if the clogged probe message goes away.

Guide for Purchasing Standardized Gases for Calibration

When deciding which standard gases to purchase for calibration, there are some important considerations that will help guide your purchase:

- 1) Determination of concentration of the gas to be purchased. The concentration of the standard gas is the first consideration. It needs to be at a concentration level that is appropriate for calibration of the instrument.
- 2) Determination of proper regulator for the standard gas tank. A regulator is needed to provide a consistent flow of gas to the instrument at a certain rate. At our facility, we use on-demand regulators that require the pumps within our instruments to pull the gas from the standardized tank. If this is not an option, other regulators are acceptable, just use a T-junction when connecting to the instrument to protect the instrument from damage.
- 3) Determination of the size of tank to order. Consider how many calibrations can be performed with the volume of gas purchased. Each calibration for the F-920, 940, and 960 will take around 0.3 liters of standard gas.

Below is an example of a standard order our company would make to Air Liquide for a 1.5ppm ethylene standardized gas tank for calibration of the F-940.

Air Liquide is a multi-national company that can deliver products to most business locations worldwide. You may look at www.airliquide.com for your local office.

Air Liquide America Specialty Gasses LLC

Telephone 425-931-8303 or 800-814-4642

A sample order for 34 Liter canister of appropriate calibration gas for an F-940 or F-950 would include the following (*Note, these are Air Liquide's unique product numbers*):

Part Number:

A0909352

Scotty 34

Description: 2

Component Mix,
Balance Air, Gas
34, NR

AIR
BAL

ETHYLENE 1.5 PPM

Phase: Cylinder Gas **Measurement:** Mole **Class:**
N/A

Size: 34

AIR LIQUIDE Air Liquide America, Specialty Gases LLC **scott**

Ship to: 6141 Eastern Road
From: Plymouth, PA 19646
Phone: 215-766-8800
Fax: 215-766-7225

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

Customer: CHEN INSTRUMENT DESIGN, INC.
CSD 300-Science Bldg.
1554 NE 3rd Avenue
Camas, WA 98607
USA

Shipment: 01/11/2015
P.O. #: 3015337
Run No.: A0909352
Date: 10/04/2015

Cylinder #: A7000140007
24 Pressure: 500 PSIG
USA: C-10
Serial Type: CERTIFIED SCOTTY

Product Location: 170x2218
Lot #: A09-8802

Component Name	Requested Gas Conc (Mole%)	Analysis (Mole%)	Accuracy (% +/- %)
ETHYLENE	1.50 (ppm)	1.5 (ppm)	10
AIR	99.99999999999999	99.99999999999999	10

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gas showing what they have delivered. Be certain to use the actual value on the certificate of analysis as it may differ from what you have ordered.

If you don't already own a regulator, you must buy one. The following is the ordering information for the on-demand style regulator that we typically use. (*Note, these are Air Liquide's unique product numbers*)

Part Number: A0315576

Description: Q114DRFRC10 – M14 Demand
Regulator

0 – 3 LPM @ 3'

Warranty Information

Seller's Warranty and Liability:

Felix Instruments- Applied Food Science warrants new equipment of its own manufacturing against defective workmanship and materials for a period of one year from date of sale. The results of ordinary wear and tear, neglect, misuse, accident and excessive deterioration due to corrosion from any cause is not to be considered a defect.

Felix Instruments' liability for repairing or replacing defective parts during the warranty period is contingent on examination by a Felix Instruments authorized representative. Felix Instruments liability will not extend beyond repairing or replacing parts from the factory where they were originally manufactured. Repair or alteration by an unauthorized technician voids warranty.

Material and equipment which is not manufactured by Felix Instruments is to be covered only by the warranty of its manufacturer. Felix Instruments will not be liable to the Buyer for loss, damage, or injury to persons or to property by the use of equipment manufactured by other companies.

Buyer accepts the terms of warranty through use of this instrument and any accessory equipment. There are no understandings, representations, or warranties of any kind, express, implied, statutory, or otherwise (including, but without limitation, the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose), not expressly set forth herein.

All instrument repairs or replacement covered under warranty require a Returned Material Authorization (RMA) number.

Please contact Felix Instruments technical support department at support@felixinstruments.com to obtain an RMA number before shipping instrument to CID Bio-Science, Inc.

Buyer is responsible for shipping charges to Felix Instruments headquarters:

1554 NE 3rd Ave.
Camas, WA 98607
USA

Felix Instruments is responsible for return shipping charges on repairs and/or replacement covered by warranty.

Warranty Registration Card



1554 NE 3rd Ave, Camas, WA 98607, USA

Phone: (360) 833-8835 Fax: (360) 833-1914 e-mail: sales@felixinstruments.com Web: www.felixinstruments.com

PRODUCT REGISTRATION CARD

Please complete and return this form to Felix Instruments within 30 days to validate your Warranty on Parts & Labor.

Registration Information:

Your Name: _____ Title: _____

Company/University: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Country: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Felix Instruments Serial Number(s): _____

Purchase Date: _____ Purchase Price: _____

FOLD ON DOTTED LINE

Your opinions will help improve our service. Please answer the following questions.

1. What was the basis of your product selection?

- ☐ Representative Recommendation
- ☐ Product Features
- ☐ Technical Specifications
- ☐ Warranty
- ☐ Other _____

- ☐ Price
- ☐ Product Design
- ☐ Brand Name
- ☐ Service

2. What other competing brands did you consider? _____

3. Where did you first learn of this product?

- ☐ Advertisement in _____
- ☐ Friend/Colleague _____
- ☐ Other _____

- ☐ Representative
- ☐ Exhibit

4. Who selected this product?

- ☐ I did
- ☐ University Department
- ☐ Other _____

- ☐ Research Group
- ☐ Purchasing

5. Comments/Suggestions:



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F-920 Production Test Check Sheet

SERIAL NUMBER:
Firmware Version:

NOTES: