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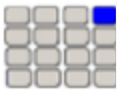
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1 ABOUT THE AccuPyc II



Gas pycnometry is recognized as one of the most reliable techniques for obtaining true, absolute, skeletal, and apparent volume and density. This technique is non-destructive as it uses the gas displacement method to measure volume. Inert gases, such as helium or nitrogen, are used as the displacement medium. Density calculations using the gas displacement method are much more accurate and reproducible than the traditional Archimedes water displacement method.

The AccuPyc II Pycnometers are fast, fully automatic pycnometers that provide high-speed, high-precision volume measurements and true density calculations on a wide variety of powders, solids, and slurries. The instrument completes most sample analyses in less than three minutes without sacrificing accuracy. After analyses are started with a few keystrokes, data are collected, calculations are performed, and results displayed. A minimal amount of operator attention is required. The pycnometer can be controlled by either:

- **Windows 10 interface.** The operational status of the pycnometer can be continually monitored in the application. If the Windows interface is used, the keypad is disabled.
- **The keypad if not running the Windows interface.** A separate keyboard and printer can be attached to the pycnometer using USB ports.

ABOUT THE TEC MODULE



See also:

[TEC Module on page G - 1](#)



Density measurements at specific temperatures are required for certain applications. The AccuPyc II Thermo Electric Cooling (TEC) Module maintains an accurate temperature control during analysis using the principle of Peltier cooling.

TEC Modules, also known as Peltier coolers, are solid-state heat pumps that utilize the Peltier effect to move heat. By passing a current through the TEC Module, heat is transferred from one side of the module to the other, typically producing a heat differential of approximately 40° C.

The transferred heat is then removed from the system through the combination of a heat sink and fan, cooling the system to maintain a set temperature for accurate analysis.

TEC systems feature:

- fast dynamic response
- long-life
- no moving parts
- no use of refrigerants or circulated liquids / antifreeze

ASPHALT DENSITY APPLICATION

The AccuPyc II TEC Module can measure asphalt density using disposable cups to limit cross-contamination of samples. To show cup properties and asphalt options, go to **Options > Option Presentation** and enable *Show Cup Properties* and *Show Asphalt Options*.

This solution can be closely correlated (< 0.15% difference) to results obtained with ASTM Test Method D70-09. The AccuPyc asphalt density measurement is completed much faster than the ASTM method while virtually eliminating operator error. The Peltier thermoelectric cooling control (15 to 36 °C) provides stability for handling of samples.

ABOUT THE FOAMPYC MODULE

A FoamPyc option for measuring open and closed cell foam materials is available for both standard and temperature-controlled pycnometers. This unit can be ordered initially with the FoamPyc application installed, or can be upgraded from the standard AccuPyc with a software enhancement via USB media. Configuration options are:

- 100 cm³ nominal cell volume (recommended)
- 10 cm³ nominal cell volume

The FoamPyc option performs analyses on materials such as polystyrene, urethane, and rubber foams using five different methods:

- **Correction using cell dimensions.** Measures the closed cell fraction and corrects for the cells damaged while cutting the sample to the necessary size and shape. This is accomplished by using either the average cell diameter or the cell chord length (as defined in ASTM method D-6226-15) and the measurements of the sample to determine the volume of the cut cells. This volume is deducted from the total volume of the open cells measured by the pycnometer.
- **Correction by recutting sample.** Corrects for the cut cells by using two separate measurements. For the 2nd measurement, the sample is recut to double the amount of cut surface. The observed difference in cut open cell volume is applied as a correction to the initial measured volume. This method offers the distinct advantage that no assumptions are needed about the relative amounts of open and closed cells.
- **No correction.** Does not correct for cut cells. It is used for materials with predominantly open cells where good accuracy can be achieved without correction. The accuracy level deteriorates as the percentage of closed cells increases.
- **Compressibility test.** The fill pressure is increased incrementally over the sample with each repeat of the P1,P2 cycle (where P1 is the initial pressure to which the sample is charged, and P2 the final pressure after expansion). The apparent variation of the measured sample volume with the average pressure is determined. This test is an approximate indication. It is not intended to be an exact measure of the volume compressibility.
- **Cell fracture test.** A perfectly rigid foam is assumed. First, a P1,P2 cycle is performed at the lower of two specified P1 pressures, and the results stored. A second cycle is performed at a

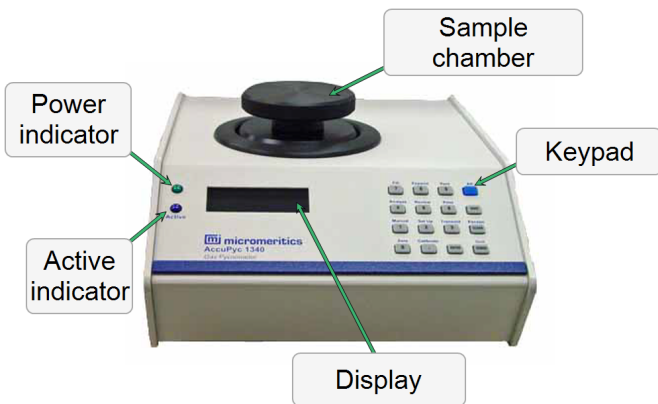
higher specified value of P1, then a third cycle identical to the first cycle is performed. The difference between the volume of the sample on the first measurement and on the third measurement is reported as the volume of fractured cells. It is assumed that cells fracture by exposure to the highest pressure (2nd cycle) so that when the third measurement is made, the measured sample volume has decreased from the first cycle by the amount of the closed cell volume which was fractured.

The 100 cm³ AccuPyc II has been designed and tested to follow the procedure in ASTM Method D 6226 for FoamPyc analyses. The 10 cm³ and 350 cm³ units can be used for some types of foam materials; however, analyses on these AccuPycs will not conform to the ASTM method. The 1 cm³ AccuPyc II cannot be used to perform FoamPyc analyses.

The FoamPyc software also provides the capability to perform analyses in the *Standard* mode of operation. This is especially convenient for users who have upgraded to the FoamPyc method from the standard method. For example, a 100 cm³ AccuPyc on which FoamPyc analyses are performed and a 1 cm³ analysis module attached on which standard analyses are performed.

INSTRUMENT COMPONENTS

FRONT COMPONENTS



The sample chamber, located on the top panel, is where the sample cup is placed for analysis.

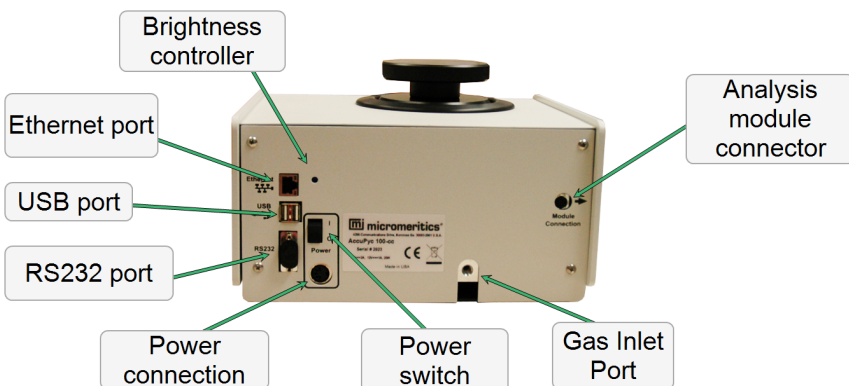
The sample chamber should remain capped except when inserting or removing a sample. When left uncapped, water vapor adsorbs on the inner surface of the chamber or the chamber temperature becomes unstable; either condition can affect analysis results. If water vapor accumulates in the chamber, the pycnometer must be purged.

The standalone control module, often used for the Glove Box pycnometer, does not contain a sample chamber. See [Glove Box on page 1 - 9](#).

Front Components

Component	Description
Active indicator	A blue LED which illuminates when an operation is in progress. It is included on all analysis modules. It is not included on standalone control modules.
Display window	Displays <i>Remote Operation</i> when the Windows application is being used. The AccuPyc can be operated in the keypad mode when the Windows application is closed.
Keypad	For operating the pycnometer without the Windows application.
Power indicator	A green LED which illuminates when the analyzer is powered on.

BACK COMPONENTS



Back Components

Component	Description
Analysis module connector	Used to connect up to five analysis modules to the initial control / analysis module. Each module contains analysis module input and output connectors.
Brightness control	Used to adjust the brightness of the display. See Brightness Control on page 11 - 4 .
Dust filter (not shown)	(For 2000 cm ³ units and high pressure units only.) Traps sample dust to protect internal valves.
Ethernet port	Provides for setting up for e-mailing reports, sending data to a web browser, or interfacing with the AccuPyc Windows application.
Gas inlet port	Use to connect the analysis gas; helium is recommended. If multiple analysis modules are attached, each module contains a gas inlet port. Multiple gases can be attached using the Multigas option. See Multigas Option on page B - 1 .
ON/OFF switch	For powering the analyzer on and off.
Power connector	For connecting the power source to the instrument.
RS232 port	Used to transmit data only when using the keypad function. Also used to connect to the analytical balance.
USB connectors	Use for connecting a keyboard, printer, or balance to the instrument.

EQUIPMENT OPTIONS AND UPGRADES



Parts and accessories can be found online at www.Micromeritics.com.

HIGH PRESSURE PYCNOMETER

Gas pycnometry is recognized as one of the most reliable techniques for obtaining skeletal volume and density. The fully automatic AccuPyc High Pressure pycnometer provides high speed, high precision volume measurements and density determinations on intact or crushed shale core samples.

The high pressure pycnometer:

- Operates at a pressure of up to 500 psi to provide a better diffusion of the gas into the rock.
- Has a stainless steel sample chamber with a volume of 100 cm³.
- Has a sample chamber that can accommodate a 48 mm (1.85 in.) diameter core of up to 60 mm (2.40 in.) in length.

LARGE VOLUME PYCNOMETER

The AccuPyc Large Volume pycnometer sample chamber addresses the specific needs of operations that require pore volume knowledge of intact drilling cores. This instrument eliminates the need to break core samples into smaller pieces prior to analysis.

The large volume pycnometer:

- Has a large sample chamber with a volume of approximately 2000 cm³.
- Has a sample chamber that can accommodate a 95 mm (3.74 in.) diameter core of up to 278 mm (10.9 in.) in length.

MULTIVOLUME INSERTS

The MultiVolume option is used to analyze smaller sized samples. Options are:

- 1 cm³ nominal cell volume; contains a 0.1 cm³ cup
- 10 cm³ nominal cell volume; contains 1 cm³ and a 3.5 cm³ cups
- 100 cm³ nominal cell volume; contains 10 cm³ and 35 cm³ cups
- 2000 cm³ nominal cell volume, contains 650 cm³ and 1300 cm³ cups

Each kit includes inserts, reference standards, and sample cups.

MULTIGAS OPTION

The Multigas Option allows connection of up to four gases to one analyzer. See [Multigas Option on page B - 1](#).

CONFIGURATION OPTIONS

For best fit with a sample, the AccuPyc II is available in multiple configurations.



All sample chamber volumes are nominal unless otherwise specified.

- 1 cm³ sample chamber
- 10 cm³ sample chamber
- 100 cm³ sample chamber
- 350 cm³ sample chamber
- 2000 cm³ sample chamber
- 100 cm³ high pressure sample chamber

Best fit means the sample nearly fills the sample chamber and, therefore, optimizes the precision of the results.

GLOVE BOX

Provides for analysis of samples in which a controlled environment is required.

Options	Description
Configuration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 cm³ sample chamber • 10 cm³ sample chamber • 100 cm³ sample chamber • 350 cm³ sample chamber • 2000 cm³ sample chamber • 100 cm³ high pressure sample chamber

This unit consists of two separate modules. The controller is placed outside the glove box, while the analysis module is placed inside the glove box. Up to six analysis modules may be placed in the glove box, all controlled by one external control module.

TEMPERATURE CONTROLLED MODULE

Provides for the attachment of an external circulating bath.

Options	Description
Configuration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 cm³ sample chamber • 100 cm³ sample chamber

The temperature controlled unit is specifically designed for temperature sensitive materials. This unit is ideally suited for laboratories in which ambient temperature varies during normal work hours, or in which subambient cooling is required.

TEC MODULE



See:

- [About the TEC Module on page 1 - 2](#)
- [TEC Module on page G - 1](#)

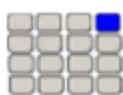
SPECIFICATIONS FOR ACCUPYC II

Characteristic	Specification
Analysis	
Precision	<p>Reproducibility typically to within 0.01% of the nominal full scale cell chamber volume. Reproducibility guaranteed to within 0.02% of the nominal full scale volume on clean, dry, thermally equilibrated samples using helium in the 15 °C to 35 °C range (15 °C to 50 °C for temperature-controlled models).</p> <p>High Pressure Units. Reproducibility typically within 0.05% of the nominal full-scale chamber volume. Reproducibility guaranteed to within 0.1%.</p>
Accuracy	<p>Accurate to within 0.03% of reading, plus 0.03% of sample capacity.</p> <p>High Pressure Units. Accurate to within 0.1% of reading, plus 0.1% of sample capacity.</p>
Electrical	
Voltage	90 to 264 VAC
Power	30 VA
Frequency	50 to 60 Hz
Environment	
Non-temperature Controlled	<p>Operating Environment Temperature. Stable between 15 °C and 35 °C (59 °F to 96 °F).</p> <p>Operating Humidity Range. 20 to 80% relative, non-condensing.</p>
Temperature-Controlled With Circulator	<p>Stable between 15 °C and 35 °C (59 °F to 96 °F).</p> <p>Operating Environment Temperature. Stability is dependent upon specifications of the installed circulator. Recommended range: 15 °C to 50 °C (59 °F to 122 °F).</p> <p>Operating Humidity Range 20 to 80% relative, non-condensing.</p>
Temperature Controlled With TEC	Controlled temperature range. 15 °C to 36 °C, ± 0.1 °C, in an operating range of 10 °C to 30 °C with a 20% to 40% humidity level.
Gases	
<p>Research grade helium or nitrogen is recommended. If unavailable, use helium with a dew point of -67 °C (-88 °F) or lower. Carbon dioxide, dry air, or argon can also be used for different applications. A multigas option is available for connection of multiple gases.</p>	

Characteristic	Specification
Physical	
Analysis Module (1, 10, 100 cm³)	Height. 17.9 cm (7.0 in.) Width. 22.2 cm (8.7 in.) Depth. 36.2 cm (14.3 in.) Weight. 7.9 kg (17.4 lbs) Standard unit Weight 8.2 kg (18.1 lbs) High Pressure unit.
Analysis Module (350 cm³)	Height. 25.9 cm (10.2 in.) Width. 22.2 cm (8.7 in.) Depth. 36.2 cm (14.3 in.) Weight. 10.5 kg (23.2 lbs)
Analysis Module (2000 cm³)	Height. 43 cm (17 in.) Width. 27 cm (10.6 in.) Depth. 36.2 cm (14.3 in.) Weight. 26 kg (57 lbs)
Control Module	Height. 17.9 cm (7.0 in.) Width. 27.3 cm (10.7 in.) Depth. 36.2 cm (14.3 in.) Weight. 3.6 kg (8.0 lbs)
Control Analysis Module	Height. 17.9 cm (7.0 in.) Width. 27.3 cm (10.7 in.) Depth. 36.2 cm (14.3 in.) Weight. 9.3 kg (20.5 lbs)
TEC Module	Height. 27.3 cm (10.7 in.) Width. 28.7 cm (11.3 in.) Depth. 36.1 cm (14.2 in.) Weight. 13.8 kg (30.5 lbs.)
500 PSI Module (100 cm³)	Height. 20.5 cm (8.1 in.) Width. 22 cm (8.7 in.) Depth. 38 cm (15 in.) Weight. 14.5 kg (32 lbs.)

Characteristic	Specification
Sample Cup	
1 cm³ chamber	ID: 1.15 cm (0.45 in.) Depth: 1.1 cm (0.44 in)
10 cm³ chamber	ID: 1.8 cm (0.71 in.) Depth: 3.93 cm (1.55 in)
100 cm³ chamber	ID: 4.62 cm (1.82 in.) Depth: 6.17 cm (2.43 in)
350 cm³ chamber	ID: 5.84 cm (2.3 in.) Depth: 13.94 cm (5.49 in)
2000 cm³ chamber	ID: 9.7 cm (3.8 in.) Depth: 26 cm (10.2 in)
Computer Requirements (when using a computer)	
Printers - Contact Customer Service for information on supported printers	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating System. Windows 10 Professional or higher operating system is recommended for the best user experience. • Desktop Installation Required. The application should not be installed on a network drive with shared access. Multiple users cannot operate the application at the same time. • 10 Base T or 100 Base T Ethernet Port. If the computer is to be connected to a network, two Ethernet ports are required. If more than one Ethernet based unit is connected to the same computer, an Ethernet switch will also be required. • Read / Write Permissions. All users of the application will need Read/Write permission to all directories and subdirectories where the application is installed. • Drives. USB port. 	
<i>In keeping with a policy of ongoing product improvement, specifications are subject to change without notice.</i>	

2 DATA ENTRY WITH KEYPAD



Use these instructions for keypad installations only. If a computer will be attached to the module, skip this section. All setup functions will be done in the analysis software application.

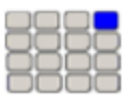


For instructions on configuring the keypad, see the AccuPyc II 1340 Installation Instructions and Checklist [*part number 134-42870-02*].

Data can be entered into the system using either a:

- **Keypad (or a keyboard).** Used if a computer with the analyzer software installed is not connected to the analyzer. In this case, any section of this manual referring to software can be omitted. All instructions specific to the keypad are designated with the keypad icon.
- **Computer.** Used if the computer with analysis software is installed and connected to the analysis module. In this case, this section of this manual can be skipped.

ABOUT THE DISPLAY



Use these instructions for keypad installations only. If a computer will be attached to the module, skip this section. All setup functions will be done in the analysis software application.

The display provides information about the analyzer and the current operation. During operations, different types of information are shown in lines two, three, and four. Line one always displays the unit and serial number. If the **Alt** key is pressed, the 3 in 10 cm³ will change to a + (plus sign). This is an example of the display when the analyzer is in an idle state, or the *Reload* prompt.

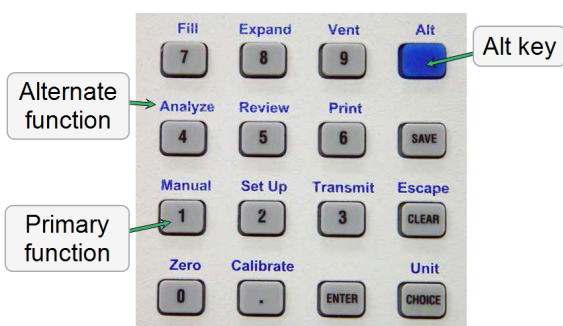
Unit[n]	SN 1234	10 cm ³
	X - X - X	
Reload		
P = (current pressure)		

Line	Description
First	Displays the unit number, serial number, and nominal cell volume of the selected unit. Up to five analysis modules may be attached; though the initial module, containing the keypad and display, will control all units.
Second	<p>At the <i>Reload</i> prompt, manual control, or an automatic operation, this line contains three characters, separated with dashes. The first character represents the <i>Fill</i> valve, the second represents the <i>Expand</i> valve, and the third represents the <i>Vent</i> valve.</p> <p>Valve states: X = Closed, O = Open</p> <p>During user interface, this line shows the command currently in use.</p>
Third	Displays status of the current operation, or <i>Reload</i> when in an idle state. When the <i>Reload</i> prompt is displayed, this line may also contain an asterisk (*), indicating there is a message in the queue. During certain functions (such as <i>Setup</i>), this line contains a prompt for additional information.
Fourth	<p>At the <i>Reload</i> prompt, shows the current pressure and temperature alternately, where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P = Pressure • T = Temperature <p>This line is also used to choose options, enter information, or provide information about the current operation.</p>

ABOUT THE KEYPAD



A keyboard can be connected to the USB port on the rear panel of the AccuPyc II. Commands can be entered from either the keypad or the keyboard.



Most keys on the keypad perform one primary and one alternate function. The primary function of any key is indicated by the number or command on the face of the key. The alternate function is indicated by the command above the key. The top right corner of the display screen will show a + (plus sign) when the **Alt** key is pressed and the alternate function mode is entered. See [About the Display on the previous page](#).

To select the:

- **Primary function.** Press only the key. Primary functions are labeled on the key face. For example; press **4** to enter the number 4.
- **Alternate function.** Press **Alt**, then press the key. Alternate functions have blue labels above the key. For example; press **Alt + 4** to start an analysis. If the **Alt** key is pressed accidentally, pressing it a second time will cancel its function.

The alternate functions for keys **7** (FILL), **8** (EXPAND), and **9** (VENT) are executed differently. Press **Alt + 1** first to enter Manual mode then press the alternate key. For example: press **Alt + 1 + 7** to manually control the Fill valve. Press **Alt + CLEAR** to exit Manual mode.

Functions can be entered from the keyboard.

Keypad and Keyboard Functions

Keypad Function	Key Sequences		Description
	Keypad	Keyboard	
Decimal (.)	.	.	Enter a decimal point, a dash for sample or instrument ID, a slash for date, or a colon for time.

Keypad and Keyboard Functions (continued)

Keypad Function	Key Sequences		Description
	Keypad	Keyboard	
Number keys (0 through 9)	0 - 9	0 - 9	Enters the numbers 0 through 9.
Calibrate	Alt + . (decimal)	Ctrl + O	Calibrates the pycnometer.
Zero	Alt + 0	Ctrl + Z	Zeroes the pressure transducer.
Manual	Alt + 1	Ctrl + Y	<p>Provides manual control to open and close valves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fill (Key 7) • Expand (Key 8) • Vent (Key 9) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Unit[n] SN 1234 10 cm3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">X - X - X</p> <p>Reload</p> <p>P = (current pressure)</p> </div> <p>The state of the valve is shown on the second line of the display, where X=Closed and O=Open.</p> <p>Alt + CLEAR exits manual mode.</p>
Set Up	Alt + 2	Ctrl + U	<p>Display or edit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis parameters • Report options • Calibration data • Data transmission parameters • Unit types • Operating language • Date and time

Keypad and Keyboard Functions (continued)

Keypad Function	Key Sequences		Description
	Keypad	Keyboard	
Transmit	Alt + 3	Ctrl + T	Transmits analysis or calibration data. Transmits a partial report if an automatic operation is in progress.
Analyze	Alt + 4	Ctrl + A	Performs an analysis.
Review	Alt + 5	Ctrl + R	Review completed analysis or calibration data.
Print	Alt + 6	Ctrl + P	Prints an analysis or calibration report. If an automatic operation is in progress, prints a partial report.
Unit	Alt + CHOICE + (unit number)	Ctrl I then 1-6	Selects unit (when multiple analysis modules are attached).
Escape	Alt + CLEAR	Esc	Discards all data entered in the current mode and returns to display mode. Cancels an automatic operation in progress. Exits manual mode.
CHOICE	CHOICE	Ctrl + N	Display the next message when in display mode. Display the next multiple choice item when in command mode.
CLEAR	CLEAR	Ctrl + X	Clear a message when in display mode. Clear an entry when in command mode.
ENTER	ENTER	Enter or Ctrl + M	Complete an entry or begin an action.
SAVE	SAVE	Ctrl + W	Save the information and return to display mode.

CANCEL AN ANALYSIS

To cancel an analysis, press **Alt + CLEAR**.

Unit[n]	SN1234	10 cm3
Analyze		
[Enter] to cancel		
automatic operation		

Press **ENTER** within five seconds to cancel the operation. A notification that the automatic operation has been canceled will be displayed.

When canceling an operation, messages are displayed indicating that termination is in progress. The termination process, which vents the system, takes about 30 seconds and returns to the *Reload* prompt.

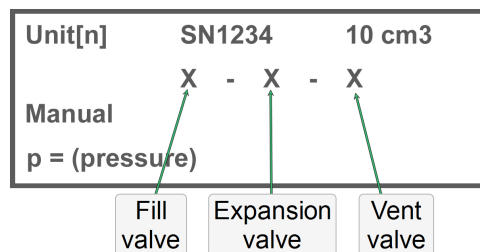
To view the data that have been collected, press **CHOICE**.

The following prompt is displayed if no cycles have been completed.

Unit[n]	SN1234	10 cm3
X - X - X		
DTA_ERR:		
No data to compute		

MANUAL MODE

Press **Alt + 1** to enter manual mode, allowing manual control of the Bypass, Fill, Expansion, and Vent valves.



The Bypass valve is only available on the 2000 cm³ units and the High Pressure Core Pycnometer units.

Display Text	Description
Manual	<p>When Manual is shown, manually open and close the Fill, Expansion, and Vent valves by pressing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 - Opens and closes the Bypass valve • 7 - Opens and closes the Fill valve • 8 - Opens and closes the Expansion valve • 9 - Opens and closes the Vent valve <p>The three characters in the second line of the display show the state of the valves (Fill, Expansion, Vent). X = Closed. O = Open.</p> <p>Press SAVE to exit Manual mode and return to display mode.</p>



Prolonged opening of all three valves at one time may cause excessive loss of helium.

TRANSMIT

The AccuPyc RS232 interface transmits report data to a computer using the standard ASCII file format. Reports may be transmitted in a single column format or a spreadsheet format. See [Transmitted Data on page I - 1](#).

- Press **Alt + 3** to transmit report data.
- Press **Alt + CLEAR** to cancel report data transmission.

ANALYSIS PARAMETERS

This option enables specific analysis and calibration parameters. Although the *Setup Type* is shown as *Analysis Parameters*, these same prompts are used to specify calibration parameters. The pycnometer is shipped with default values; however, these settings may be modified to meet laboratory requirements.

After each selection, press **Enter** to display the next prompt. If data results are to be e-mailed automatically after analysis, specify e-mail parameters using the instructions in the AccuPyc II 1340 Installation Instructions and Checklist [*part number 134-42870-02*].

Enter appropriate analysis and report parameters for the current analysis. The chosen or specified parameters in *Set Up* determine what prompts and information are displayed for the analysis.

Display Text	Description
Setup Type? Analysis Parameters	Press ENTER to accept <i>Analysis Parameters</i> .
Number of Purges:	Key in the number of purges to be performed. Purging cleans the sample cell and expansion chambers before an analysis begins. The greater the number of purges, the cleaner the sample will be when analyzed. The range is 0 to 999. For calibration, 10 is sufficient.
Purges fill pressure	Key in the fill pressure. For most applications, the default of 19.500 psig is adequate. Typically, the greater the fill pressure, the easier it is to measure the volume precisely. However, a lower pressure may be required for some samples. The range in psig is 0 to 19.850. The range in kPag is 0 to 136.86.

Display Text	Description
	<p>High Pressure sample chamber:</p> <p>The range in psig is 0 to 500. The range in kPag is 0 to 3450.</p>
Number of Cycles	<p>Key in the number of cycles to be performed. A cycle is a series of functions which produce a single volume measurement.</p> <p>The range is 1 to 999. For calibration, 10 is sufficient.</p>
Cycle fill pressure	<p>Key in the fill pressure. For most applications, the default of 19.500 psig is adequate.</p> <p>The range in psig is 0 to 19.850. The range in kPag is 0 to 136.86.</p> <p>High Pressure sample chamber:</p> <p>The range in psig is 0 to 500. The range in kPag is 0 to 3450.</p>
P1, P2 end by? [selection]	<p>Choose the manner in which to end the pressure measurement. Press CHOICE to make a selection.</p> <p>The available options are <i>Equilibrate</i> and <i>Fixed interval</i>.</p>
Equilibration Rate: (Does not display for Fixed Intervals)	<p>Select <i>Equilibrate</i> at the <i>P1, P2 end by?</i> prompt. Pressure measurement will end when the entered rate is obtained. Key in the equilibration rate.</p> <p>A high rate will produce faster results, but results may not be as precise as desired. The lowest rates may cause errors when some materials (such as those with appreciable vapor pressures or organics) are analyzed.</p> <p>The default setting is 0.0050 psig/min. The range in psig/min is 0.0001 to 9.0000. The range in kPag/min is 0.0007 to 62.0500.</p> <p>High Pressure sample chamber:</p> <p>The range in psig is 0.001 to 99 minimum (the default is 0.05)</p>
Interval Time: (Does not display for Equilibrate)	<p>Select the <i>Fixed interval</i> at the <i>P1, P2 end by?</i> prompt. Pressure measurement ends when the specified time is reached. Key in the interval time.</p> <p>The range is 10 to 99999 seconds.</p>

Display Text	Description
Use Run Precision?	<p>Allows early termination of the analysis when certain criteria are met.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes. The analysis terminates after five consecutive cycles are within the specified tolerance. Always request a large number (50 to 99) of runs. The number of runs is determined through the <i>Number of Cycles</i> option. With a small number of runs, the analysis stops when the selected number is reached, even if the specified tolerance has not been met.• No. <i>Run Precision</i> is not used.
Percent Full Scale:	<p>This prompt only displays if Yes is selected for <i>Run Precision</i> and more than five cycles have been requested.</p> <p>Enter the run precision volume tolerance which is expressed as a percentage of nominal cell volume (sample capacity).</p> <p>The range is 0.01% to 50.00%.</p>

REVIEW DATA

The *Review* function allows review of and editing of the results of the last operation – analysis or calibration – along with its entered parameters. It is important to review and print the report before starting another operation. Data are no longer available for review on the display when another operation is started; however, data results are saved in the control module and can be reviewed using a web browser.

Review Data with a Web Browser

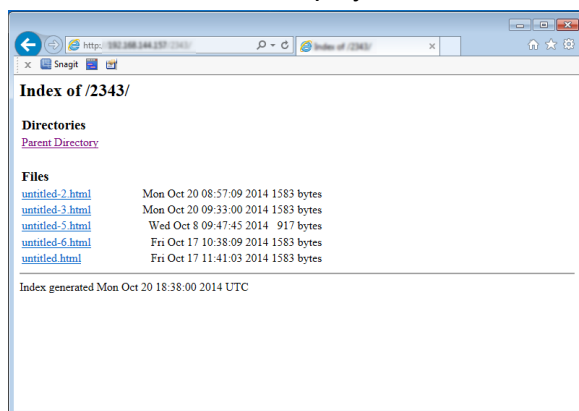
Data results for the last five analyses are saved in the control module for each attached unit. These results can be viewed by accessing a web browser. To use this feature, connect to a network.

1. Press **Alt + 2** to access *Setup*. Then press **CHOICE** until *Communications* is displayed.
2. Press **ENTER** to display a prompt showing that the IP Address mode is *DHCP*.

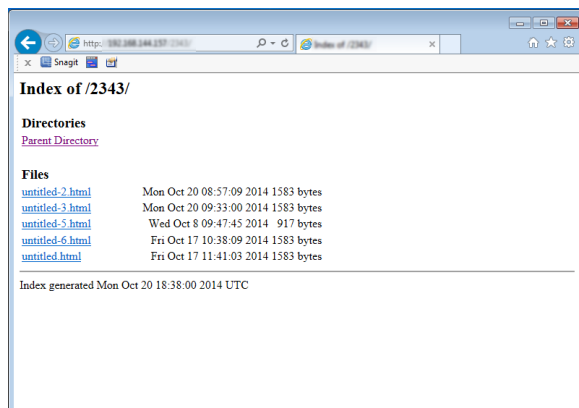


The display may show *Specify*, depending on how the IP address was assigned.

3. Press **ENTER** to view the assigned address on the display. If the address was specified, the display shows *IP Address?* and the entered address. This line is editable since it is specified and not assigned automatically. An assigned address cannot be edited.
4. Make a note of the IP address.
5. Press **Alt + CLEAR** to return to the *Reload* prompt.
6. Access the web browser and type in the IP address.
7. Press **Enter** to display the serial number(s) of the attached unit(s).

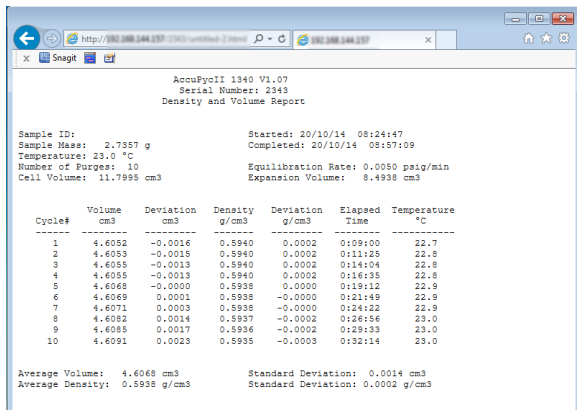


8. Click on the serial number of the unit containing the data to review. A window displaying the data files for the last five analyses, and for the zero (slope) and volume offset files is displayed.



The files are in .HTML format and are assigned the name used as the *Sample ID*. If sample identifications are not used, *Untitled* is assigned and appended for each file.

- Click the file to view the data results. The progress of a current operation can be monitored by reloading the page.



AccuPycII 1340 V1.07
Serial Number: 2343
Density and Volume Report

Sample ID: Started: 20/10/14 08:24:47
Sample Mass: 2.7357 g Completed: 20/10/14 08:57:09
Temperature: 23.0 °C
Number of Purges: 10 Equilibration Rate: 0.0050 psi/g/min
Cell Volume: 11.7995 cm³ Expansion Volume: 8.4938 cm³

Cycle#	Volume cm ³	Deviation cm ³	Density g/cm ³	Deviation g/cm ³	Elapsed Time	Temperature °C
1	4.6052	-0.0016	0.5940	0.0002	0:09:00	22.7
2	4.6053	-0.0015	0.5940	0.0002	0:11:25	22.8
3	4.6055	-0.0013	0.5940	0.0002	0:14:04	22.8
4	4.6055	-0.0013	0.5940	0.0002	0:16:35	22.8
5	4.6068	-0.0000	0.5938	0.0000	0:19:12	22.9
6	4.6069	0.0001	0.5938	-0.0000	0:21:49	22.9
7	4.6071	0.0003	0.5938	-0.0000	0:24:22	22.9
8	4.6082	0.0014	0.5937	-0.0002	0:26:56	23.0
9	4.6085	0.0017	0.5936	-0.0002	0:29:33	23.0
10	4.6091	0.0023	0.5935	-0.0003	0:32:14	23.0

Average Volume: 4.6068 cm³ Standard Deviation: 0.0014 cm³
Average Density: 0.5938 g/cm³ Standard Deviation: 0.0002 g/cm³

- Use the *File > Print* option to print a copy of the results.

VIEW DATA RESULTS

Press **Alt + 5** to view data results.

Reports are generated after analysis and calibration, and remain available for viewing or printing until another automatic operation (other than zero) is performed. When an automatic operation is performed, data from the previous operation are no longer available for viewing on the display.

A display report is always generated regardless of the specified destination and contains:

- **Analysis.** The average density (or volume) and the deviation from the mean.
- **Calibration.** Average cell volume (or expansion volume) and the deviation from the mean.

PRINT A FILE



Contact Micromeritics Customer Service for information on supported printers.

Press **Alt + 6** to print a report of the last operation; analysis or calibration. If **Alt + 6** is pressed during an automatic operation, a partial report is printed.

Reports are generated after analysis and calibration, and remain available for viewing or printing until another automatic operation (other than zero pressure) is performed. Previously generated reports are deleted whenever a new automatic operation begins.

For each attached analysis module, the data for up to five analyses are stored in the control module. These data sets can be viewed using a web browser when connected to a network.

An asterisk next to a cycle number indicates that it has not been included in calculations.

- **Analysis.** Volume, density, deviation for each cycle, an average of all cycles, the date and time the analysis was started and completed, and the temperature of the cell chamber.
- **Calibration.** Cell and expansion volumes and deviations for each cycle, an average of all cycles, and the date and time the calibration started and completed.

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3 ABOUT THE SOFTWARE



See also:

[Software in 21CFR11 Environments on page 3 - 18](#)

The AccuPyc II Pycnometer's unique *run precision* reports data from five consecutive runs that are within a user-specified tolerance. This feature allows early termination of analyses, thereby decreasing the number of runs needed for accurate results.

Analysis provides the measurement of sample volume, from which density can be derived automatically if the sample mass is entered. The unit comes preprogrammed with default conditions and ready to perform analyses. It can be reprogrammed to meet specific needs. Analyses can be modified by entering the number of purges and purge fill pressure, number of cycles and cycle fill pressure, equilibration rate, and run precision. Modifying these parameters allow control of the primary portions of the analysis; purge and run.

When the PC software is not running, the AccuPyc II can be operated in keypad mode. For example; if the computer is inoperative, analyses can be performed using the keypad.

If running the FoamPyc module, an option to select a Standard method is available so that analyses on other types of sample materials can be performed.

MENU STRUCTURE

All program functions use standard Windows menu functionality. The title bar contains a *Unit [N]*. If multiple analyzers are installed, ensure the appropriate unit is selected before continuing.

Main Menu Bar Options

Option	Description
File	Use to manage files used by the application — such as sample files, analysis conditions files, report options files, etc.
Unit [n]	Use to perform analyses, calibrations, and other analyzer operations. <i>Unit [n]</i> displays on the menu bar for each analyzer attached to the computer.
Reports	Use to run reports and view the results.
Options	Use to edit the default method, specify system configuration, specify units, and change presentation options.
Window	Use to manage open windows and display a list of open windows. A checkmark appears to the left of the active window.
Help	Provides access to the online operator manual, the Micromeritics web page, the analyzer web page, and information about the application.

COMMON FIELDS AND BUTTONS

The fields and buttons in the following table are located in multiple windows throughout the analyzer application and have the same description or function. Fields and button descriptions not listed in this table are found in tables in their respective sections.

Common Fields and Buttons

Field or Button	Description
Add	Add an item to the list.
Add Log Entry	Use to enter information to appear in the sample log report that cannot be recorded automatically through the application. Click the button again to enter multiple log entries.
Append	Use to insert one row at the end of a table.
Autoscale	When enabled on report parameters windows, allows the x- and y-axes to be scaled automatically. <i>Autoscale</i> means that the x- and y-ranges will be set so that all the data is shown. If <i>Autoscale</i> is not selected, the entered range is used.
Axis Range	On report parameters windows, the <i>From / To</i> fields are enabled when <i>Autoscale</i> options are not selected. Enter the starting and ending values for the x- and/or y-axes.
Bar Code (default field label name)	Enter bar code reader information if a bar code reader is connected to the computer's USB port. If a bar code reader is not used, this alphanumeric field can be used to enter additional information about the sample, such as a sample lot number, sample ID, etc. This field label may have been renamed or may not display if modified in Options > Default Methods .
Browse	Searches for a file.
Cancel	Discards any changes or cancels the current process.
Clear	Use to clear the table entries and display only one default value.
Close	Closes the active window.
Close All	Closes all active windows. If changes were made and not yet saved, a prompt displays for each changed file providing the option to save the file.

Common Fields and Buttons (continued)

Field or Button	Description
Comments	Enter comments about the sample or analysis. Comments display in the report header.
Copies	Select the number of copies to print. This field is only enabled when <i>Print</i> is selected.
Delete	When working with pressure tables and pressures, Delete removes the selected information.
Destination	Select the report destination.
Edit	When working with report parameters, highlight the item in the <i>Selected Reports</i> list box and click Edit to modify the report details.
Exit	Exits the application. If a file is open with unsaved changes, a prompt displays providing the option to save the changes and exit or to exit the application without saving the changes.
Export	Exports data in a sample file as a .REP, .TXT, or .XLS file. When saved to a file, the data can be imported into other applications.
File	Select the destination directory. Enter a new file name in the <i>File name</i> field, or accept the default. Select to save the file as a report system (.REP), a spreadsheet (.XLS), a portable document format (.PDF), or an ASCII text (.TXT) file format.
File name	Select a file name from the list shown or enter a file name. If the required file type is not shown, select the type of file from the list.
From / To	When working with report parameters windows, enter the <i>From</i> and <i>To</i> range for x- and/or y-axes.
Insert	Use to insert one row above the selected row in the table.
List	Creates a list of sample or other type files. The list will contain file name, date / time the file was created or last edited, file identification, and file status.
Name	The <i>Name</i> column is a list of files in the selected directory or library.
Next	Click to move to the next window or next step.
OK	Saves and closes the active window.
Open	Opens the selected file. Alternatively, double click the file name in the <i>Name</i> column to open the file.
Prev	Click to move to the previous window.
Preview	Previews predefined reports. Click the tabs at the top of the window to preview each selected report. When an analysis has not been run on a sample, this button is disabled.

Common Fields and Buttons (continued)

Field or Button	Description
Print	Sends the report to the selected destination (screen, printer, or file).
Remove	Remove the selected file or files from the list.
Replace	Click to select another file where the values will replace the current file's values.
Replace All	Click to select another .SMP file where the values will replace all values for the active sample file. The original file will remain unchanged.
Report	Click to display a window to specify report output options.
Save	Saves changes.
Save As	Saves a file in the active window under a different file name.
Start	Starts the report, test, analysis, or operation.
Start Date	Displays a calendar to select the start date for the report.
View	<p>Operation. Use to display the data from the current analysis.</p> <p>Instrument Log. Use to display recent analyses, calibrations, errors, or messages.</p> <p>Instrument Schematic. Use to display a schematic of the analyzer system.</p>

OPTION PRESENTATION

Options > Option Presentation

CFR Note

For 21CFR11 environments, see [Option Presentation for 21CFR11 Environments on page 3 - 20](#).

Use to change the way sample files and parameter files display: *Advanced*, *Basic*, or *Restricted*. Each display option shows sample information and options differently.

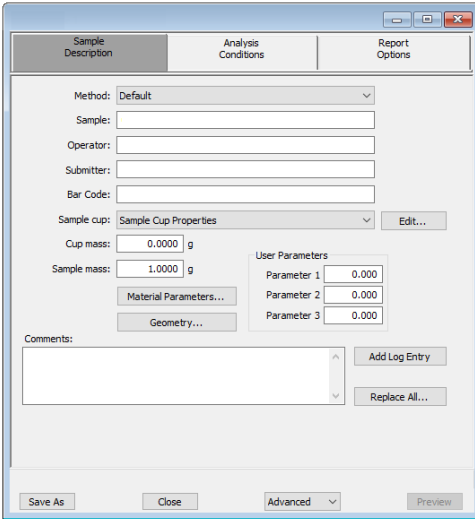
Option Presentation Display

Presentation Display	Description
Advanced	Displays all parts of sample and parameter files. Navigate to parameter windows by selecting the tabs across the top of the window.
Basic	Displays sample information in a single window. This display option is used after the parameter files have been created. The previously entered or default parameter files are then accessible using drop-down lists.
Restricted	Displays the sample file in a single window similar to the <i>Basic</i> display option with certain functions disabled. A password is set when the <i>Restricted</i> option is selected. That same password must be entered to change to the <i>Basic</i> or <i>Advanced</i> display option. This display type is typically used in laboratories where analysis conditions must remain constant — such as the pharmaceutical industry. The <i>Advanced</i> option is not available in the view selector at the bottom of the window when using the <i>Restricted</i> display option.
Always Open Edit View	Opens files with a <i>Complete</i> status in tabbed file editor rather than in the Peak Editor view.
Show Splash Screen	Enables (or disables) the splash screen upon application startup.
Show Cup Properties	Enable to show the cup properties for a pycnometer analyzer.
Show Asphalt Options	Enable to show the asphalt properties for a pycnometer analyzer.

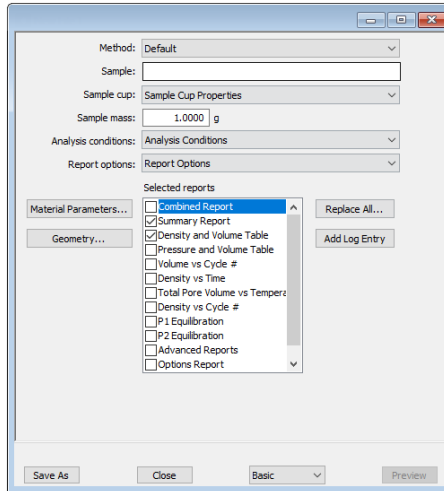


Specify or change the option presentation by selecting **Options > Option Presentation**, or use the view selector drop-down list at the bottom of the window.

The following examples show the same sample file in *Advanced* and *Basic* display. *Basic* and *Restricted* displays will look the same. A password is required if using *Restricted* format.



**Example of
Advanced option presentation**



**Example of
Basic / Restricted option presentation**



A sample file must be created for each analysis. The file can be created prior to or at the time of analysis. The sample file identifies the sample, guides the analysis, and specifies report options.

FILE STATUS, DESCRIPTION, EXTENSION, AND LOCATION

In the *File Selector* window, the *Mic Description* column and the *Mic Status* column display file description and file status. The *File Selector* incorporates standard Windows features for resizing windows, reordering and repositioning columns, and right clicking an entry to display a menu of standard Windows functions.

File Status

File Status	Description
Analyzing	Sample files that are currently being used for analysis.
Complete	Sample files used in an analysis that has been completed.
No Analysis	Sample files which have not been used to perform an analysis.

File Type, Extension, and Location

File Type	File Name Extension	Default Location
Analysis Conditions	.ANC	Param directory
Report Options	.RPO	Param directory
Sample Cup	.CUP	Param directory
Sample Information	.SMP	Param directory

File Types for Printing or Exporting

File Type	File Name Extension
Spreadsheet	.XLS
Unicode	.TXT

KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS

Shortcut keys can be used to activate some menu commands. Shortcut keys or key combinations (when applicable) are listed to the right of the menu item.

Certain menus or functions can also be accessed using the **Alt** key plus the underlined letter in the menu command. For example:

- to access the *File* menu, press **Alt + F**, then press the underlined letter on the submenu
- **Alt + F** opens the *File* menu, then press **O** to access the *File Selector*



If the underscore does not display beneath the letter on the menu or window, press the **Alt** key on the keyboard.

Keyboard Shortcuts

Field or Button	Description
Alt + F	Opens the <i>File</i> menu.
Alt + F4	Exits the program. If files are open with unsaved changes, a prompt to save changes displays.
Alt + F4	Exit the program.
Alt + H	Opens the <i>Help</i> menu.
Alt + I	Opens the <i>Options</i> menu.
Alt + R	Opens the <i>Reports</i> menu.
Alt + W	Opens the <i>Window</i> menu.
Ctrl + N	Opens a new sample file.
Ctrl + O	Opens the <i>File Selector</i> window.
Ctrl + P	Opens the <i>File Selector</i> to start a report from a selected .SMP file.
Ctrl + S	Saves the open file.
F1	Opens the online help operator manual.
F2	Opens the <i>File Selector</i> window.
F3	Opens the <i>File Selector</i> window listing analysis conditions files.
F5	Opens the <i>File Selector</i> window listing report options files.
F6	Cascades open windows.
F7	Tiles all open application windows.

Keyboard Shortcuts (continued)

Field or Button	Description
F8	Start a report.
F9	Close all open reports.
Shift + F2	List sample files.

DEFAULT METHODS

Options > Default Method

A *Default Method* determines the default sample identification format and sequence number. A *Default Method* is a template of specifications that go into a newly created sample file. It allows for the definition of complete sets of parameters for each type of sample commonly analyzed, so that only a single selection is required for each new sample file created.

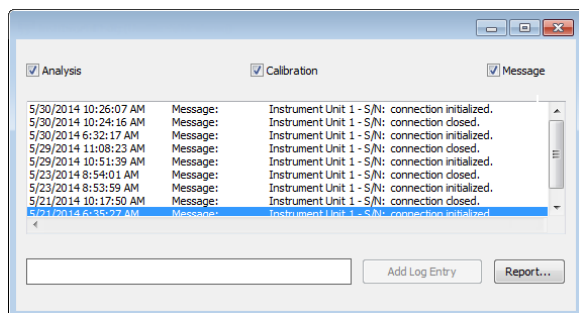
The initial contents for new sample and parameter files come from the default method. The default method can be edited like other sample files. The default method's **Replace All** button can be used to set the defaults from an existing sample file.

ANALYZER STATUS


SHOW INSTRUMENT LOG

Unit [n] > Show Instrument Log

Use to display a log of recent analyses, calibrations, errors, or messages.



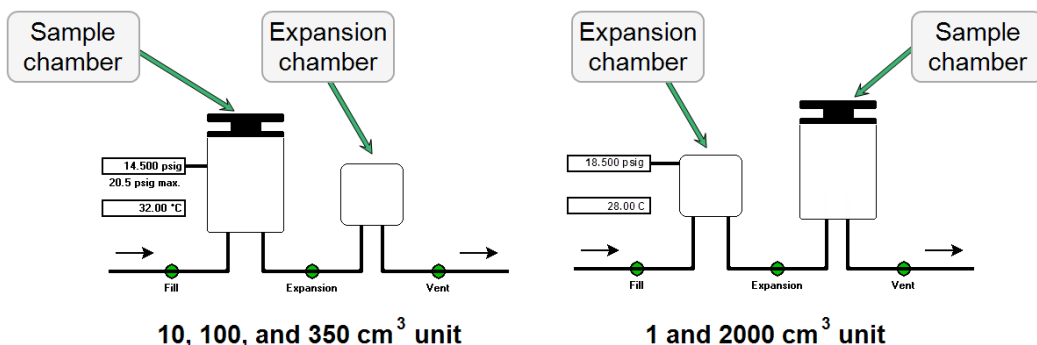
Instrument Log

Field	Description
Add Log Entry [button]	Use to enter information to appear in the sample log report that cannot be recorded automatically through the application. Click the button again to enter multiple log entries.
Analysis/ Calibration/ Message [check box]	Select the logs to display.
 <p>For fields and buttons not listed in this table, see Common Fields and Buttons on page 3 - 2.</p>	




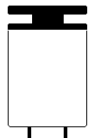

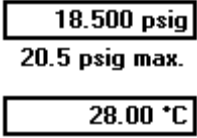

SHOW INSTRUMENT SCHEMATIC

Unit [n] > Show Instrument Schematic

Use to display an analyzer schematic. To operate the valves and elevator from this window, manual control must be enabled (**Unit [n] > Enable Manual Control**).



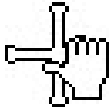
Analyzer Schematic Icons

Icon or Symbol	Description
	Open Valve. Green indicates an open valve.
	Closed Valve. Yellow indicates a closed valve with manual control enabled.
	Closed Valve. White indicates a closed valve with manual control not enabled
	Sample Chamber.
	Expansion Chamber.
	Pressure and temperature readings. Displays for either the expansion chamber or the sample chamber, depending on the unit configuration.
	Gas flow direction.

Instrument Schematic Shortcut Menus

Each manually controlled schematic component has a shortcut menu displaying the operations available for that particular component. To access the shortcut menu, hover the mouse pointer over the component and right click.

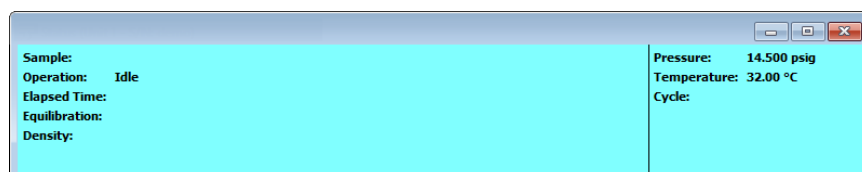
Schematic Shortcuts

Schematic Shortcut Icon	Description
	<p>Close. Closes the selected valve.</p> <p>Open. Opens the selected valve.</p>


SHOW STATUS

Unit [n] > Show Status

Use to show the current status for each port. If multiple units are attached to the computer, go to **Unit [n] > Show Status** for the indicated unit.



Show Status

Field or Button	Description
Cycles	The current cycle and the number of cycles requested. For example, 2 (current) of 10 (requested).
Density	Last computed density and standard deviation.
Elapsed Time	The elapsed time of the current step.
Equilibration	The measured equilibration rate and the limit.
Operation	The operation, task, and the step in progress.
Pressure	The pressure in the sample chamber.
Sample	The name of the sample file being analyzed.
Temperature	The temperature of the sample chamber.
 <p>For fields and buttons not listed in this table, see Common Fields and Buttons on page 3 - 2.</p>	

EXPORT FILES

File > Export



See also:

[Exported Data Example on page C - 1](#)

Provides the option to print the contents of one or more sample or parameter files to either the screen, a printer, or to a file. Data can be exported as a .PDF, .REP, .TXT, .XML, or .XLS file format. The type of data to include or exclude can be selected during the export process. When exported to a file, the data can be imported into other applications that read these file formats.

LIST FILES

File > List

Provides the option to create a list of sample file information —such as file name, date, time the file was created or last edited, file identification, and file status.

Select one or more files from the file selector, click [List](#), then provide the file destination.

File Listing					
No.	File Name	Date	Time	Description	Status
1	co_pulse.smp	9/26/2017	5:12:26 PM	CO pulse chemisorption on 0.5 Pt Alumina	Complete
2	h2_o2_h2.smp	9/26/2017	5:12:26 PM	H2 O2 H2 titration on Pt Alumina	Complete
3	mfi-fit2.smp	9/26/2017	5:12:27 PM	Heat of desorption - fit peaks - strong chemi	Complete
4	mfi-fit1.smp	9/26/2017	5:12:26 PM	Heat of desorption - fit peaks - weak sites	Complete
5	mfi-hod1.smp	9/26/2017	5:12:27 PM	NH3 - heat of desorption - weak sites	Complete
6	mfi-hod2.smp	9/26/2017	5:12:27 PM	NH3 - Heat of desorption - strong chemisorption	Complete
7	mfi-01.smp	9/26/2017	5:12:26 PM	NH3 TPD	Complete
8	mfi-fit.smp	9/26/2017	5:12:26 PM	NH3 TPD - with peak deconvolution	Complete
9	bet.smp	9/26/2017	5:12:26 PM	Silica Alumina BET 2X	Complete
10	000-193.SMP	9/26/2017	11:28:12 AM	Silver Oxide TPR	Complete
11	ago_tpr.smp	9/26/2017	5:12:26 PM	Silver oxide TPR	Complete
12	n2o_puls.smp	9/26/2017	5:12:27 PM	Silver surface area using N2O	Complete
13	v2o5.smp	9/26/2017	5:12:27 PM	TPR of Vanadia	Complete

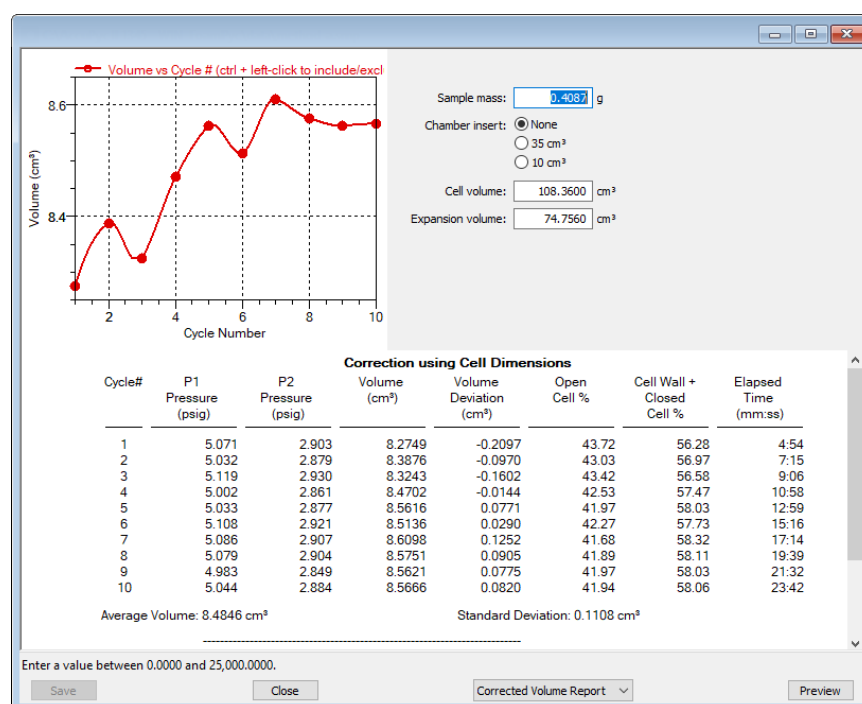
OPEN A SAMPLE FILE

File > Open > [.SMP File]

File Status

File Status	Description
Analyzing	Tabbed file editor.
Complete No analysis	Report window.

If a sample file with a *Complete* status is opened, to review a report, click the report name in the view selector drop-down list at the bottom of the window.



CFR Note

In 21CFR11 environments, this feature is applicable to members of the Developer group only.

SOFTWARE UPDATES



User Account Control in the Windows operating system must be enabled to ensure all components of the Micromeritics application are installed properly. If UAC is not enabled, right click the *Setup.exe* installer file and select *Run as administrator*.

Log in to your [customer portal](#) to access and download the latest analyzer software version.

When performing a software update, existing data files are not overwritten. There are three types of subsequent installation:

- a later version than the current installation
- the same version as the current installation
- an earlier version than the current installation

Insert the setup media into the media drive. The setup program starts automatically. If the program does not start automatically, navigate to the installation media drive, locate and double click the *setup.exe* file.

SOFTWARE UNINSTALL

**CFR
Note**

If uninstalling in a 21CFR11 environment, see [Uninstall Software in 21CFR11 Environments on page 3 - 22](#).

UNINSTALL THE SOFTWARE USING THE COMPUTER

When the software is uninstalled using *uninstall.exe*, only the files required to run the application are removed. Parameter files, sample files, reports, calibration files, and data files are not removed.

To uninstall the software, double click the *uninstall.exe* file located in the software installation directory, then follow the prompts.

UNINSTALL THE SOFTWARE USING THE KEYPAD

1. Insert the *Setup* media into the media drive.
2. Select the *Uninstall* option.
3. Follow the prompts.

SOFTWARE IN 21CFR11 ENVIRONMENTS



The Micromeritics Confirm applications for 21CFR11 environments require an operating system of Windows 10 Professional or Windows 10 Enterprise or higher. Management of users and groups is performed in Windows Users and Groups.

The Micromeritics Confirm application enables laboratory managers to develop analysis methods, enforce industry standards, and produce audit trails. It also enables laboratory analysts to perform analyses and produce reports.

USER PERMISSIONS

Confirm User Name	Description
mic_confirm_user	<p><i>mic_confirm_user</i> is the user name used by all installations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This user should have complete control over the installation directory. • The application is launched under this user name and has this user's privileges to the windows file system. • This user should not be used by anyone or any other software that is not a Micromeritics application. • The system administrator has the option of modifying this account so that the password never expires. Alternatively, if the password does expire while the application is running, the application automatically changes the password for this account.

Confirm Group Name	Description
Developer Group	<p>The default Developer group name is <i>mic_[analyzer model number]_developer</i>. Members of the Developer group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have rights to all functions of the Micromeritics application - including Advanced option presentation which allows the creation and modification of methods, sample files, and parameter files. • can run an analysis. • can also be assigned Administrator rights which control the user profiles.

Confirm Group Name	Description
Analyst Group	<p>The default Analyst group name is <i>mic_[analyzer model number]_analyst</i>. Members of the Analyst group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• have access to the Basic presentation option only.• may create sample files from pre-defined methods and can modify only a limited number of input fields.

OPTION PRESENTATION FOR 21CFR11 ENVIRONMENTS

Options > Option Presentation

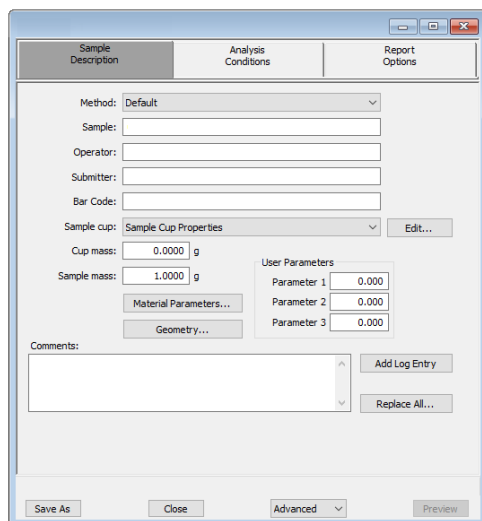
Option Presentation Display

Presentation Display	Description
Advanced	Displays all parts of sample and parameter files. Navigate to parameter windows by selecting the tabs across the top of the window.
Basic	Displays sample information in a single window. This display option is used after the parameter files have been created. The previously entered or default parameter files are then accessible using drop-down lists.
Restricted	Displays the sample file in a single window similar to the <i>Basic</i> display option with certain functions disabled. A password is set when the <i>Restricted</i> option is selected. That same password must be entered to change to the <i>Basic</i> or <i>Advanced</i> display option. This display type is typically used in laboratories where analysis conditions must remain constant — such as the pharmaceutical industry. The <i>Advanced</i> option is not available in the view selector at the bottom of the window when using the <i>Restricted</i> display option.
Always Open Edit View	Opens files with a <i>Complete</i> status in tabbed file editor rather than in the Peak Editor view.
Show Splash Screen	Enables (or disables) the splash screen upon application startup.
Show Cup Properties	Enable to show the cup properties for a pycnometer analyzer.
Show Asphalt Options	Enable to show the asphalt properties for a pycnometer analyzer.

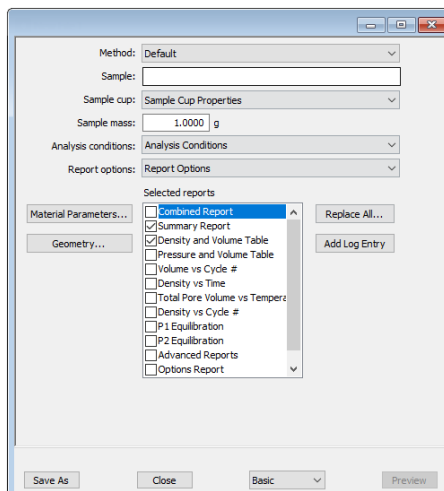
CFR Note

For members of the Developer group only. To change the view from *Advanced* (for Developers) to *Basic* (for Analysts), click the view selector drop-down list at the bottom of the window. Select either *Advanced* (when in *Basic* view) or *Basic* (when in *Advanced* view).

The following examples show the same sample file in *Advanced* and *Basic* display.



**Example of
Developer view**



**Example of
Analyst view**



A sample file must be created for each analysis. The file can be created prior to or at the time of analysis. The sample file identifies the sample, guides the analysis, and specifies report options.

The **Save** button is disabled on sample files with a *Complete* status. When the **Preview** button is used to view reports for sample files with an unsaved status, the report will have a *Preview* watermark. The **Save As** and **Print** buttons on the report window are also disabled.

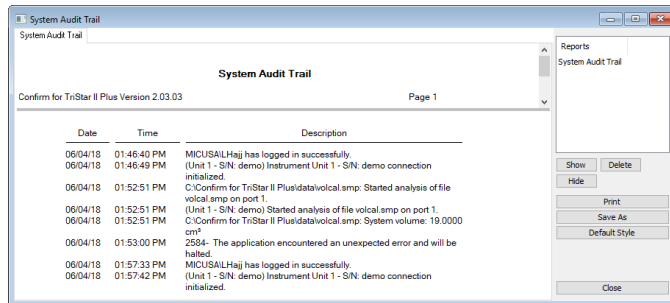
CREATE A NEW FOLDER

File > Create New Folder

Provides the option to create and name a new folder in the Confirm application folder. This option may not be available depending on how the IT administrator configures Windows permissions.

SYSTEM AUDIT TRAIL

File > System Audit Trail



Lists the current user, successful and failed application user login attempts, and contains a description of all the changes made to sample files.

Contains an audit trail of all system initializations, user login attempts, and sample analyses.

UNINSTALL SOFTWARE IN 21CFR11 ENVIRONMENTS

CFR Note

In a 21CFR11 environment, upon uninstalling the Confirm application, the system administrator should go into Windows Users and Groups to remove the Confirm users and groups. See the Confirm Administrator Guide [part number 004-42821-01].

Depending on the network, Windows may not allow the uninstall.exe program to run. If this happens, follow these steps:

1. In Windows Users and Groups, verify that the current user is not a member of the analyst group or developer group. If so, remove the user from the group(s). Log OFF, then log back ON to the computer.
2. In Windows Explorer, in the Confirm installation directory, double-click the *uninstall.exe* file to run the uninstall program.

4 SAMPLE FILES

Sample files include the information required by the analyzer to perform analyses and collect data. A sample file identifies the sample, guides the analysis, and specifies report options and may be displayed in either *Advanced*, *Basic*, or *Restricted* presentation display mode.

A sample file consists of parameter sets; however, parameter sets can also stand alone. A sample file may be created either prior to or at the time of analysis.

Parameter files allow for repeated use of parameter sets. For example — if the same analysis conditions exist for multiple analyses, an *Analysis Conditions* file containing the recurring conditions can be created. When the sample file is created, the *Analysis Conditions* file can be selected for the analysis conditions. Once it becomes part of the new sample file, the new file can be edited as needed without affecting the original *Analysis Conditions* file.

The analysis application contains a default method. A method is a template for sample files that contains the parameters to be used for an analysis. When a new sample file is created, all the parameters are filled with the values in the default method.



Specify or change the option presentation by selecting **Options > Option Presentation**, or use the view selector drop-down list at the bottom of the window.

SAMPLE FILES

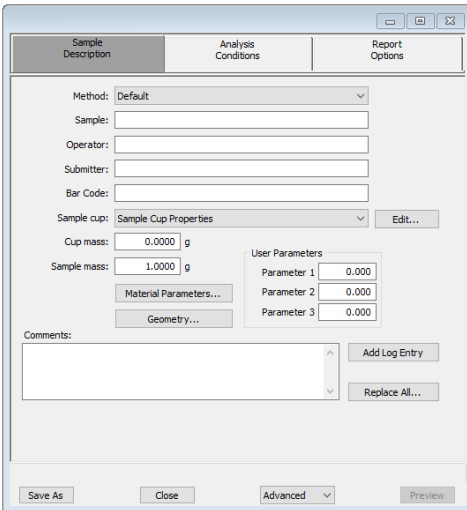
Options > Option Presentation > [Advanced / Basic / Restricted]

File > New Sample > [.SMP File]

File > Open > [.SMP File]

CFR Note

For 21CFR11 environments, this section is applicable only to members of the Developer group, however, members of the Analyst group may find information in this section helpful. Sample file information that is available to Analysts is created by a member in the Developer group using information in this section.



**Example of a
Pycnometer sample file**

Each analysis must be linked with a sample file before the analysis can proceed. A sample file can consist of parameter files; however, parameter files can also stand alone. See [Parameter Files on page 5 - 1](#).

The values specified in the parameter portions of the default sample file are saved as the defaults for new sample files. To navigate from one set of parameters to another, select the parameter tab across the top of the window.

The *Basic* and *Restricted* formats use predefined parameter files to create a sample file.

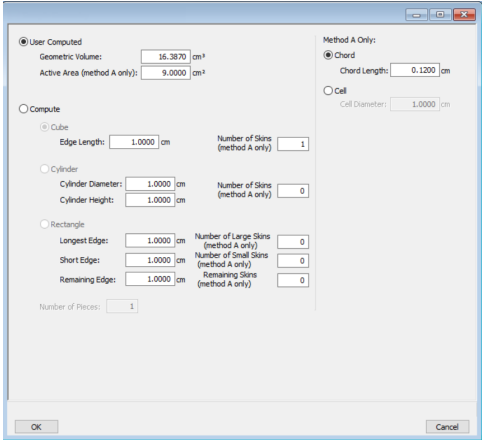


When using the *Basic* option presentation, switch to *Advanced* to edit parameter file values. When using the *Restricted* option presentation, parameter files cannot be edited.




A bar code reader may be used to enter text into many of the fields on the *Sample Description* window. Use a mouse to click in the field first where information is to be entered then scan the bar code with the bar code reader.

Sample Files

Field or Button	Description
Cup mass [text box]	Displays when <i>Show Cup Properties</i> in option presentation is enabled. Enter the cup mass.
Geometry [button]	<p>Enter material properties when using the FoamPyc application.</p>  <p>User Computed. Select to enter the geometric volume and when using <i>Correction using cell dimensions</i> selection, the <i>Active Area</i>. <i>Active Area</i> is the total geometric surface area of the sample - excluding any sides that contain a skin.</p> <p>Compute. Select the shape of the sample and enter the dimensions.</p> <p>Number of Pieces. The number of pieces making up the sample.</p>
Material Properties [button]	See Material Parameters on page 4 - 6 .
Operator [text box]	Enter operator identification information. This field label may have been renamed or may not display if modified in Options > Sample Defaults .
Sample [text box]	Enter a sample description.
Sample cup [drop-down box]	Displays when <i>Show Cup Properties</i> in option presentation is enabled. Select a sample cup file from the drop-down list or click Edit to create and save a new file for sample cup properties. See Sample Cup on page 4 - 5 .
Sample mass [text box]	Enter the sample mass.
Submitter [text box]	Enter submitter identification information. This text box may have been renamed or may not display if modified in Options > Sample Defaults .

Sample Files (continued)

Field or Button	Description
User Parameters <i>[group box]</i>	These fields are primarily used for the SPC (Statistical Process Control) reporting to specify sample characteristics or its manufacturing process but may be used for other data by entering specific analysis conditions or sample criteria. The entered parameters display on the <i>Summary Report</i> . This option may not display (or may have a different field label) if modified in the through Options > Sample Defaults .
 For fields and buttons not listed in this table, see Common Fields and Buttons on page 3 - 2 .	

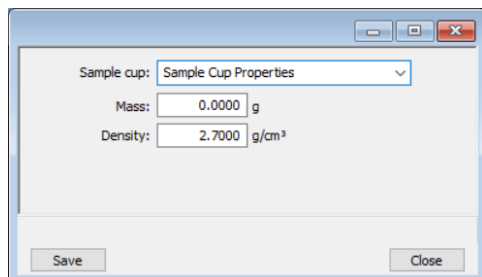
SAMPLE CUP

Options > Option Presentation > Show Cup Properties


File > Open > [.CUP File]

(or click the *Sample Information* tab when in Advanced option presentation)

Use to set the sample cup mass and density.



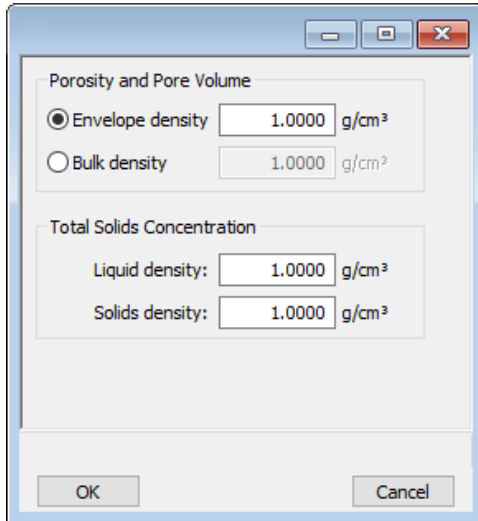
Sample Cup Properties

Field or Button	Description
Density [text box]	Enter the density of the sample cup.
Mass [text box]	Enter the sample cup mass.
Sample Cup [text box]	Enter a description of the sample cup.
 For fields and buttons not listed in this table, see Common Fields and Buttons on page 3 - 2 .	


MATERIAL PARAMETERS

File > Open > [.SMP File]

Material parameters are used to report porosity or total solids concentration when using the *Standard* analysis method.



Material Parameters

Field or Button	Description
Bulk Density / Envelope Density [selection]	Calculated from a volume that includes pores.
Liquid Density [text box]	Density of the liquid.
Solids Density [text box]	Density of the solid sample.
 For fields and buttons not listed in this table, see Common Fields and Buttons on page 3 - 2 .	

5 PARAMETER FILES

CFR Note

For 21CFR11 environments, this section is applicable only to members of the Developer group, however, members of the Analyst group may find information in this section helpful. Sample file information that is available to Analysts is created by a member in the Developer group using information in this section.

Parameter files allow for repeated use of parameter sets. For example — if the same analysis conditions exist for multiple analyses, an *Analysis Conditions* file containing the recurring conditions can be created. When the sample file is created, the *Analysis Conditions* file can be selected for the analysis conditions. Once it becomes part of the new sample file, the new file can be edited as needed without affecting the original *Analysis Conditions* file.

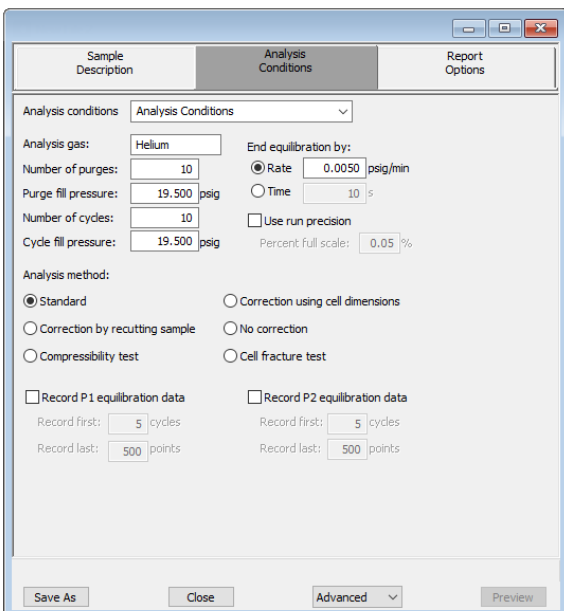
The following file types can exist as part of the sample file as well as individual parameter files:

File Type	File Extension
Analysis Conditions	.ANC file extension
Report Options	.RPO file extension
Sample Cup	.CUP file extension

ANALYSIS CONDITIONS

File > Open > [.ANC File]

(or click the *Analysis Conditions* tab when in *Advanced* presentation option)



The screenshot shows the 'Analysis Conditions' dialog box. It has three tabs: 'Sample Description', 'Analysis Conditions' (active), and 'Report Options'. The 'Analysis Conditions' tab contains the following settings:

- Analysis conditions:** Analysis Conditions (dropdown)
- Analysis gas:** Helium
- End equilibration by:**
 - ☒ Rate: 0.0050 psig/min
 - ☐ Time: 10 s
- Number of purges:** 10
- Purge fill pressure:** 19.500 psig
- Number of cycles:** 10
- Cycle fill pressure:** 19.500 psig
- Percent full scale:** 0.05 %
- Analysis method:**
 - ☒ Standard
 - ☐ Correction using cell dimensions
 - ☐ Correction by recutting sample
 - ☐ No correction
 - ☐ Compressibility test
 - ☐ Cell fracture test
- Record P1 equilibration data:**
 - ☐ Record first: 5 cycles
 - ☐ Record last: 500 points
- Record P2 equilibration data:**
 - ☐ Record first: 5 cycles
 - ☐ Record last: 500 points

At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Save As', 'Close', 'Advanced' (dropdown), and 'Preview'.

**Example of
Analysis Conditions
in Advanced (Developer) view**

Analysis conditions specify the parameters used to guide an analysis.

Analysis Conditions

Field or Button	Description
Analysis Conditions [text box]	Displays the description of the file. If this is a new file, the description specified in sample defaults is displayed.
Analysis gas [text box]	The gas to be used for analysis gas (helium is recommended).


Analysis Conditions (continued)

Field or Button	Description
Analysis method <i>[selection]</i>	<p>For the FoamPyc application only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard. Select <i>Record equilibration data</i> then enter the criteria (if recording equilibration data). <p>Enter the cell wall density.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correction using cell dimensions. Measures the closed cell fraction and corrects for the cells damaged while cutting the sample to the necessary size and shape. This is accomplished by using either the average cell diameter or the cell chord length (as defined in ASTM method D-6226-15) and the measurements of the sample to determine the volume of the cut cells. This volume is deducted from the total volume of the open cells measured by the pycnometer. • Correction by recutting sample. Corrects for the cut cells by using two separate measurements. For the 2nd measurement, the sample is recut to double the amount of cut surface. The observed difference in cut open cell volume is applied as a correction to the initial measured volume. This method offers the distinct advantage that no assumptions are needed about the relative amounts of open and closed cells. • No correction. Does not correct for cut cells. It is used for materials with predominantly open cells where good accuracy can be achieved without correction. The accuracy level deteriorates as the percentage of closed cells increases. <p>Enter the initial and final pressure, and the pressure increment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compressibility test. The fill pressure is increased incrementally over the sample with each repeat of the P1,P2 cycle (where P1 is the initial pressure to which the sample is charged, and P2 the final pressure after expansion). The apparent variation of the measured sample volume with the average pressure is determined. This test is an approximate indication. It is not intended to be an exact measure of the volume compressibility. <p>Enter the Low pressure and the Fracture pressure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cell fracture test. A perfectly rigid foam is assumed. First, a P1,P2 cycle is performed at the lower of two specified P1 pres-

Analysis Conditions (continued)

Field or Button	Description
	<p>tures, and the results stored. A second cycle is performed at a higher specified value of P1, then a third cycle identical to the first cycle is performed. The difference between the volume of the sample on the first measurement and on the third measurement is reported as the volume of fractured cells. It is assumed that cells fracture by exposure to the highest pressure (2nd cycle) so that when the third measurement is made, the measured sample volume has decreased from the first cycle by the amount of the closed cell volume which was fractured.</p>
Cycle fill pressure [text box]	Enter the fill pressure for the cycles. Typically, the default of 19.500 psig is appropriate for most samples.
End equilibration by: [group box]	<p>Rate. Equilibration ends when the rate of pressure change drops below the entered amount.</p> <p>Time. Equilibration ends when the specified time interval is attained.</p>
Number of cycles [text box]	The number of cycles to be performed. A cycle is a series of functions which equals to a single volume measurement.
Number of purges [text box]	The number of purges to be performed. A higher number of purges will mean a cleaner sample.
Percent full scale [text box]	Enabled when <i>Use run precision</i> is selected. Enter the run precision volume tolerance which is expressed as a percent of nominal cell volume (sample capacity).
Purge fill pressure [text box]	<p>The purge fill pressure (in psig or kPa). For FoamPyc analyses, the typical pressure is 3.5 psig. For analyses on standard samples, the measured volume is more precise if a greater fill pressure is used. The default of 19.500 is appropriate for most standard analyses. Some materials, such as organic polymers, may require a lower pressure in order to limit permeability into the sample matrix.</p> <p>The default is 500 psig for the High Pressure sample chamber.</p>
Record P1 equilibration data [checkbox] Record P2 equilibration data [checkbox]	<p>Record first. Enter the number of cycles to be recorded at the beginning of the analysis.</p> <p>Record last. Enter the number of points to be recorded at the end of equilibration.</p>

Analysis Conditions (continued)

Field or Button	Description
Use run precision <i>[check box]</i>	Select to use run precision. This feature provides early termination of the analysis when certain criteria are met. The analysis terminates after five consecutive cycles are within the specified tolerance. Typically, a large number (50 to 99) of cycles is requested. If a small number of runs is selected, the analysis stops when the entered number is reached even though the specified tolerance has not been met. If fewer than five cycles are requested, this feature is disabled.
 For fields and buttons not listed in this table, see Common Fields and Buttons on page 3 - 2 .	

REPORT OPTIONS

File > Open > [.RPO File]

(or click the *Report Options* tab when in Advanced presentation display)

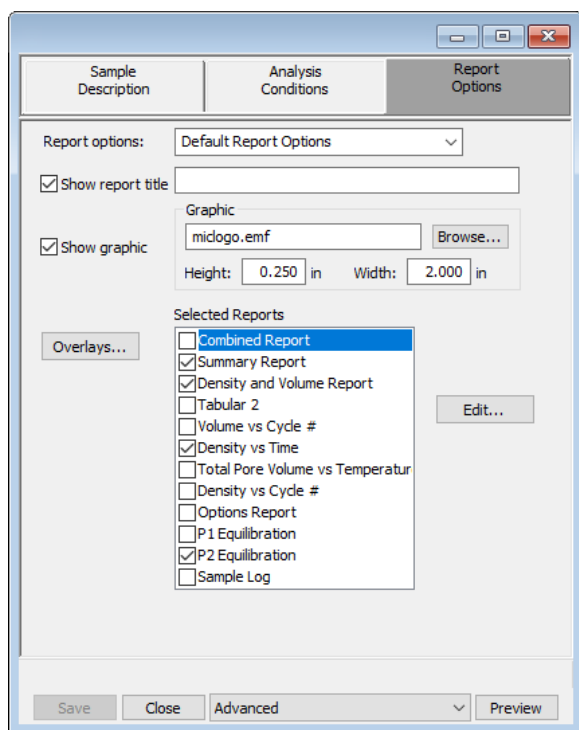


See also:

[Selected Reports on page 8 - 1](#)



If using the FoamPyc application, reports for all FoamPyc *Methods* are fixed and cannot be created or selected from within the application.




Report options specify the types of reports to be generated from an analysis and allow for customization of reports such as axis scale, axis range, and column headings.

Report Options files can be customized to accommodate standard analysis requirements. Reports can be generated automatically after each analysis or at any time during or after an analysis. A report generated during an analysis only includes data collected up to the time of the report.

Report Options files may be defined to include overlay options. This system allows the overlay of up to 25 plots of different samples onto a plot of the same type or overlay one plot type onto a different plot type from the same analysis.

Report Options

Field or Button	Description
Overlays <i>[button]</i>	Click to open the <i>Graph Overlay Samples</i> window. Click Browse to select sample files to overlay into a plot.
Report Options <i>[text box]</i>	Displays the description of the file. If this is a new file, the description specified in sample defaults is displayed.
Selected Reports <i>[selection]</i>	Select the report names to include in the report.
Show graphic <i>[check box]</i>	Use to show a graphic on the report header. Height/Width. Enter the height and width of the selected graphic. These values determine the graphic appearance on the generated report.
Show report title <i>[check box]</i>	Select, then enter a report title to appear on the report header.
 For fields and buttons not listed in this table, see Common Fields and Buttons on page 3 - 2.	

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6 PERFORM AN ANALYSIS

CFR Note

In 21CFR11 environments, users are required to login to the Confirm application to start an analysis. Once the analysis window is opened, manual control is disabled until the analysis has completed. During analysis, pausing and resuming is allowed, however, steps cannot be skipped.



See also:

[Handling System Components on page 11 - 5](#)

An analysis can be performed from either the computer application or directly from the keypad on the analyzer.

PREPARE AND LOAD A SAMPLE

FOAMPYC METHODS

FoamPyc Methods are intended to conform to the procedures detailed in ASTM Test Methods D-6226 and D-3576. Prepare samples according to the methods outlined in these procedures. Once the sample is prepared and placed into the sample chamber, analysis can begin. See [About the FoamPyc Module on page 1 - 3](#).

STANDARD METHOD

Samples must be properly prepared to obtain accurate results. Samples must be free of moisture in order to obtain true sample mass and to avoid the distorting effect of water vapor on the volume measurement. The following procedures are recommended; however, modifications may be necessary for some materials:

- Heat-sensitive materials may have to be dried by long-time exposure to silica gel, freeze drying, etc.
- Materials having a low melting point may be dried using the purge process. In this case, do not weigh the sample and cup until after the purge and analysis have been completed.

Avoid exposure of the dried sample to atmospheric moisture during each step of the preparation process. This means weighing as rapidly as possible and installing in the instrument without unnecessary delay.



Keep the cap on the cell chamber except when actually inserting or removing a sample. If the chamber remains uncapped, water vapor will adsorb on the inner surface of the chamber and temperature instability will occur; either condition can affect analysis results.

1. Weigh the empty sample cup.
2. Place as large a quantity of sample as is possible in the cup (cup should be at least two-thirds full). Pack powders and fluffy materials (if permissible) to obtain maximum sample weight in the cup.
3. Place the sample cup with sample in a drying oven. The amount of time the sample must be heated depends on the material and the temperature it will tolerate; this may have to be established by other tests.
4. Remove the sample cup from the oven and transfer it to a desiccator provided with active desiccant. Allow it to cool until near room temperature. Minimize air exposure of the sample.
5. Use this equation to determine the sample mass. (If volume only is to be measured, skip this step.)

$$Mass_{\text{sample}} = Mass_{\text{sample+cup}} - Mass_{\text{cup}}$$

6. Remove the cell chamber cap, place the sample cup (with sample) into the cell chamber, then replace the cap.

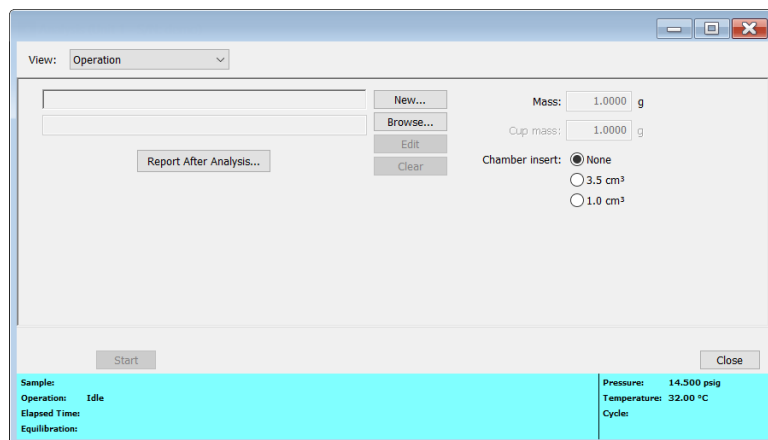
It is best not to lay the cap down while loading the sample. Immediately replace the cap when the sample is loaded. This will prevent particles from accumulating on the greased surface.

7. If using a temperature-controlled AccuPyc, perform the following steps before proceeding:
 - a. Power on the bath circulator and specify the temperature for analysis. (Refer to the manufacturer manual for instructions on operating the bath circulator.)
 - b. Allow the temperature to stabilize to the set temperature. Observe the temperature reading on instrument schematic.
8. If using a TEC module, ensure the temperature reading has stabilized at the specified point.

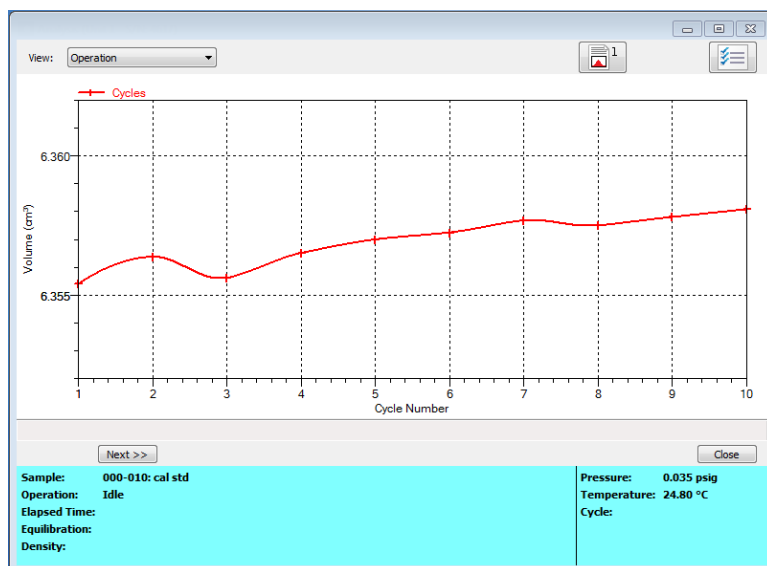
PERFORM AN ANALYSIS USING THE SOFTWARE

Unit [n] > Sample Analysis

After the sample has been properly prepared and loaded into the sample chamber, start the analysis.



1. Click **New** to create a new sample file or click **Browse** to select an existing file.
2. Click **Report after analysis** to generate reports automatically when the analysis is complete. On the *Report After Analysis Settings* window, select *Report after analysis* and specify a report destination. To export the report, select *Export after analysis* and specify a report destination.
3. Click **OK** to return to the previous window.
4. Ensure the correct *Chamber Insert* is selected.
5. Click **Start** to start the analysis. A window displays data as they are collected. A short delay is encountered before the port status at the bottom of the window changes from the *Idle* state.
6. If running a FoamPyc analysis that requires recutting the sample, a message displays indicating the sample should be cut.
 - a. Remove the sample chamber cap, then remove the sample cup. Replace the cap before performing the next step.
 - b. Cut the sample and return it to the cup.
 - c. Remove the cap, place the cup back into the sample chamber. Replace the cap.
 - d. Click **OK** to complete the second analysis.



PERFORM AN ANALYSIS USING THE KEYPAD

Prerequisites:

- Specify analysis and report parameters, and
- Prepare and load sample

The prompts that display for an analysis depend on the options selected in *Setup > Analysis Parameters* and *Report Options*; therefore, the analysis may not display all of the prompts referenced in this procedure.

1. Press **Alt + 4** to display the *Sample ID* prompt. Enter an appropriate identification. Press . (decimal) to insert a dash.
2. Press **ENTER** to display the *Description* prompt.



Most users display this prompt only when a keyboard is attached to the pycnometer.


3. Press **ENTER** to display the *Sample Mass* prompt. Enter the sample mass.
4. If an analytical balance is connected to the module, press the appropriate button on the balance to transfer the sample mass while this prompt is displayed.
5. Press **ENTER** to display the *Chamber Insert* prompt if using an insert. Press **CHOICE** until the appropriate insert is displayed, then press **ENTER**.
6. Press **ENTER** to begin the analysis. Operational status messages display during analysis.
7. When the analysis has finished, the pycnometer beeps three times and the display returns to the *Reload* prompt.



Do not remove the cell chamber cap when the pycnometer is pressurized. The sample may be discharged from the chamber.

8. Ensure the pressure reads approximately 0 (zero), then remove the cell chamber cap and remove the sample from the chamber.
9. Replace the cell chamber cap or load another sample.

Display Text	Description
Analyze Sample ID:	Enter sample identification for the current analysis. Sample ID can be up to 20 numbers and dashes. Press . (decimal) to insert a dash.
Analyze Description Line 1:	Enter the description for the current sample. A prompt for Line 2 of the description is displayed.

Display Text	Description
Analyze Sample Mass:	<p>Enter a value for the sample mass. Displays only when <i>Density</i> is selected for Analysis display mode. It does not display if <i>Volume</i> is selected.</p> <p>The range is 000.0000 to 10000.0000 g.</p> <p>The range for the 2000 cm³ AccuPyc is 000.0000 to 25000.0000 g.</p> <p>This field will also accept input from a connected analytical balance. While this prompt is displayed, press the appropriate button on the analytical balance to transfer the mass (refer to the manufacturer's manual for the appropriate command).</p>
Analyze Chamber insert?	<p>Select the insert to be used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None, 0.1 cm³ (for 1 cm³ unit) • None, 3.5 cm³, 1.0 cm³ (for 10 cm³ unit) • None, 35 cm³, 10.0 cm³ (for 100 cm³ unit) • None, 650 cm³, 1300 cm³ (for 2000 cm³ pycnometer) <p>Press CHOICE until the appropriate insert is displayed or None if an insert is not being used.</p>
Analyze Cup Mass?	Enter the mass of the sample cup.
Analyze [ENTER] to start [ESCAPE] to cancel	<p>ENTER. Starts the analysis. The analysis begins and operational status messages are continually displayed during analysis</p> <p>ESCAPE. Cancels the analysis.</p>
 <p>For keypad and/or keyboard functions or commands not listed in this table, see About the Keypad on page 2 - 3.</p>	

QUICKSTART ANALYSIS

Unit [n] > QuickStart Analysis

Use to analyze a series of samples of the same type and same analysis conditions. Sample files will be created using selected method.



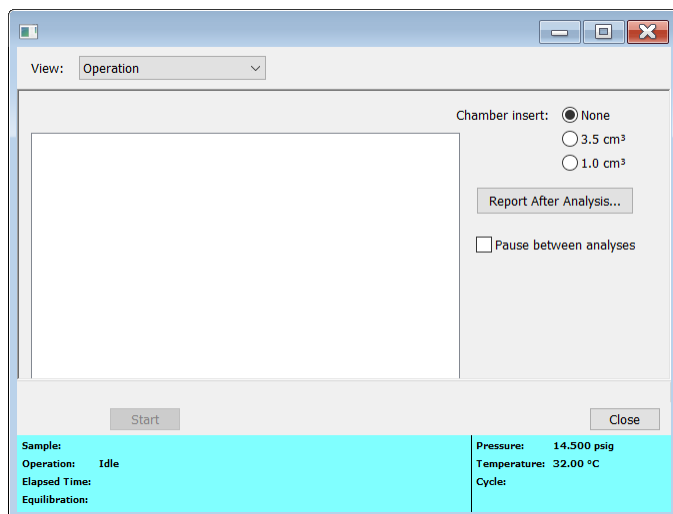
See:

[Perform an Analysis using the Software on page 6 - 3](#)


SEQUENCE ANALYSIS

Unit [n] > Sequence Analysis

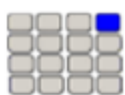
Use to analyze the same sample using different sample files.



Sequence Analysis

Field or Button	Description
Chamber Insert [<i>selection</i>]	Select the chamber insert to be used for analysis.
Pause between analyses [<i>check box</i>]	When this option is selected, the system will return to the sample selection window after each analysis. Click Start to run the next analysis. As each analysis is run, the sample file is removed from the <i>Samples Files</i> list box.
Report After Analysis [<i>button</i>]	Generates reports automatically to the specified destination when each analysis completes.
 For fields and buttons not listed in this table, see Common Fields and Buttons on page 3 - 2.	

REVIEW ANALYSIS




Use these instructions for keypad installations only. If a computer will be attached to the module, skip this section. All setup functions will be done in the analysis software application.

The *Review* function allows review of the results of the last analysis operation. Press **Alt + 5** to review or edit analysis results. The analysis information can also be edited through the prompts. The prompts that display during the analysis review depend on the options selected in *Setup > Analysis Parameters* and *Report Options*.

1. Press **Alt + 5** to display the *Sample ID* prompt containing the sample identification.
2. Press **ENTER** to display the *Description* prompt containing an additional description. This prompt typically is not used unless a keyboard is connected to the analyzer.
3. Press **ENTER** to display the *Sample Mass* prompt containing the sample's mass.
4. Press **ENTER**. The *Start* prompt containing the start date and time of the analysis is displayed.
5. Press **ENTER**. The *End* prompt containing the ending date and time of the analysis is displayed.
6. Press **ENTER**. The first of the prompts containing data is displayed. The [n] displayed in the example prompts represents the cycle number.
7. Continue pressing **ENTER** to view data. Press **CHOICE** to exclude data from report calculations. An asterisk will display indicating that it will be excluded. Press **CHOICE** again to remove the asterisk.
8. Press **SAVE** to return to the *Reload* prompt.
9. Press **Alt + 6** to print report results.

Display Text	Description
Sample ID: (sample identification)	Identification entered for the analysis.
Sample Mass: (mass)	Sample mass for the analysis (if <i>Density</i> was chosen as <i>Analysis</i> display mode).
Temperature: (sample chamber temp)	Sample chamber temperature.
Start: (time) (date)	Time and date the analysis began. Time: HH:MM:SS Date: DD/MM/YY

Display Text	Description
End: (time) (date)	Time and date the analysis completed. Time: HH:MM:SS Date: DD/MM/YY
Dn[n] = (density) Dv[n] = (deviation) or V[n] = (volume) Dv[n] = (deviation)	Density or Volume (depending on the selection made for Analysis display mode). [n]: cycle number. Press CHOICE to exclude the displayed density (or volume) from the calculated average. An asterisk indicates that it has been excluded. Press CHOICE again to remove the asterisk. Each time CHOICE is pressed to exclude (or include) the value, a new deviation is calculated and displayed. Press SAVE to return to the <i>Reload</i> prompt. Press SAVE to automatically recalculate the collected data and update data reduction messages in the queue.
 <p>For keypad and/or keyboard functions or commands not listed in this table, see About the Keypad on page 2 - 3.</p>	

7 ABOUT REPORTS

Review this section for information on the *Reports* menu options as well as customizing and running reports.

Reports can be generated for data:

- collected on a sample that has completed analysis
- collected on a sample currently being analyzed

OPEN AND CLOSE REPORTS

Reports > Open Report > [.REP File]

Select one or more .REP files to open, then click [Open](#).

Reports > Close Reports

Closes all open reports.

START REPORTS

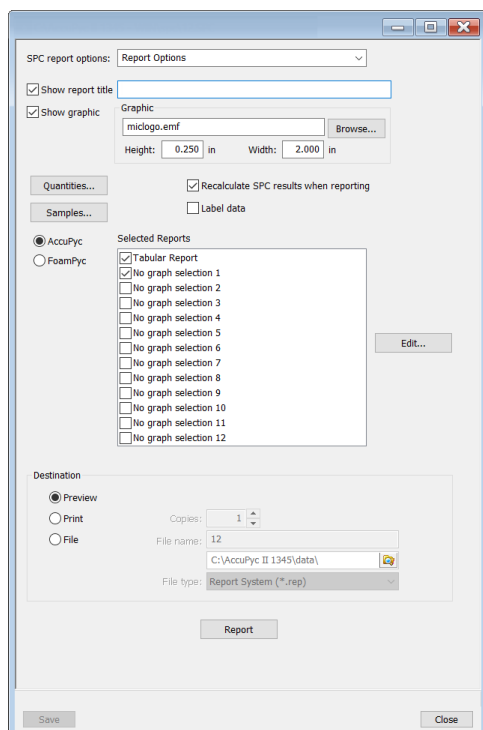
Reports > Start Report

Starts the selected report. Select a file from the *Files* list. Ensure the selected file has a status of either *Complete* or *Analyzing*.

SPC REPORT

Reports > Open SPC Report

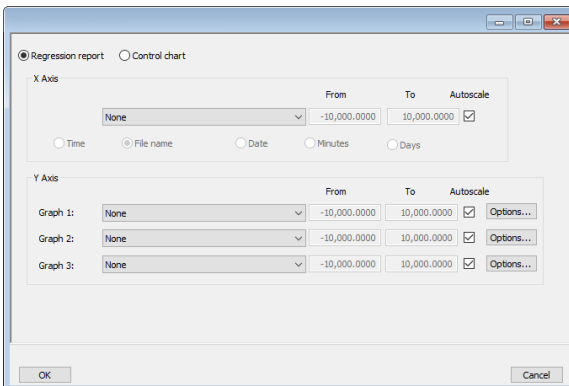
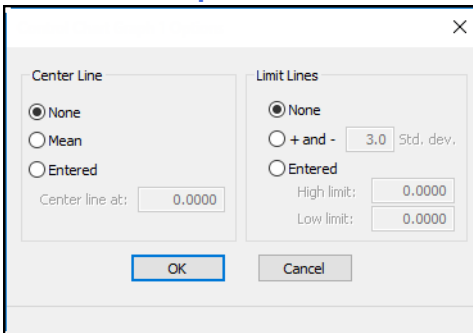
Use to generate reports with various *SPC* (Statistical Process Control) options. All selected variables must be computed for each sample file used in an SPC report; therefore, it is more efficient to select only the necessary variables.



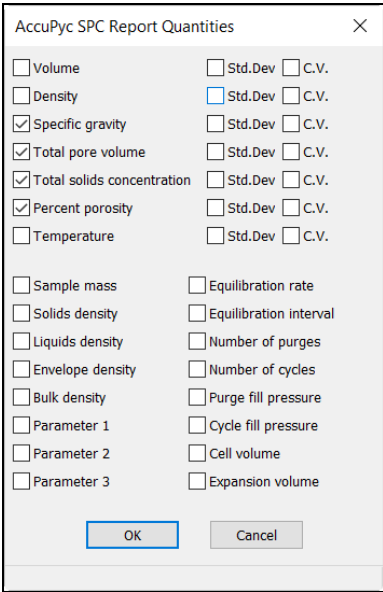
SPC Report

Field or Button	Description
AccuPyc / FoamPc [selection]	Select the instrument type.
Edit [button]	Defines the x-axis and y-axis of each graph. Highlight a report in the <i>Selected Reports</i> list box, then click Edit .


SPC Report (continued)

Field or Button	Description
	 <p>Regression report. Select to run a Regression report.</p> <p>Control chart. Select to run a Control chart report.</p> <p>X-Axis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autoscale. Allows the y-axis to be scaled automatically. To specify a range, deselect this option and enter a range in the <i>From</i> and <i>To</i> fields. <p>Select the order in which x-axis statistics are placed. Sort by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time. Time the files were analyzed. • File name. Alphanumeric order. • Date. Date the files were analyzed. • Minutes. Minutes elapsed from the first file placed on the list, which is the earliest-analyzed file. • Days. Number of days elapsed from the first file placed on the list, which is the earliest analyzed file. <p>Y-Axis. Click Options to define the control chart graph.</p> 

SPC Report (continued)

Field or Button	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center Line. Displays placement options for the center line in the graph. Select <i>Entered</i> to specify placement of the line or <i>Mean</i> to place the center line at the calculated mean value for the selected samples. • Limit Lines. Displays limiting lines options. Lines can be placed at some multiple of the standard deviation or at specified positions (<i>Entered</i>). When <i>Entered</i> is selected, enter the <i>High limit</i> and <i>Low limit</i> fields with appropriate values.
Label data [check box]	Use to label the points on the plot to correspond with the values in the sample files.
Quantities [button]	<p>The selected items display as graph variable selections in the Regression report and the Control Chart report. If report options for NLDFT Advanced PSD are required, click More.</p> 
Recalculate SPC results when reporting [check box]	The first time this option is used, the time it takes to generate the report is lengthened. The second time the report is generated, if using the same sample files used in the initial calculation, it is recommended that this option not be selected since the data was recalculated previously. If a sample file is added or removed from the report after the initial recalculation, this option should be selected again to ensure the data from the newly added or removed sample file is recalculated.
Report [button]	Generates the report.

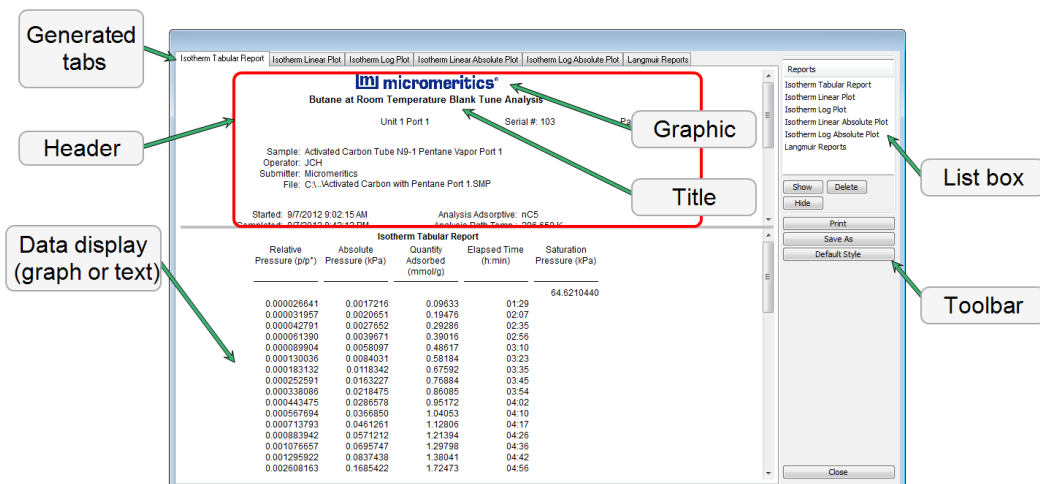
SPC Report (continued)

Field or Button	Description
Samples <i>[button]</i>	Select additional sample files to add to the report. Select the samples in the <i>Available Files</i> list box then click Add to move them to the <i>Selected Files</i> list box. Click OK when done.
Selected Reports <i>[group box]</i>	Select the report names to include in the report. Highlight the report name, then click Edit to modify report parameters.
Show graphic <i>[check box]</i>	Use to show a graphic on the report header. Height/Width. Enter the height and width of the selected graphic. These values determine the graphic appearance on the generated report.
Show report title <i>[text box]</i>	Enter a report title to appear on the report header.
SPC Report options	Select the applicable Control or Regression report from the list.
 For fields and buttons not listed in this table, see Common Fields and Buttons on page 3 - 2 .	

REPORT FEATURES AND SHORTCUTS

Reports can be customized and manipulated using the toolbar, shortcut menus, the zoom feature, or axis cross-hairs.

- After analysis, reports can be viewed, printed, and/or copied and pasted into other documents.
- The report zoom feature provides the viewing of fine graph details and the ability to shift the axes.
- All reports contain a header displaying file statistics.

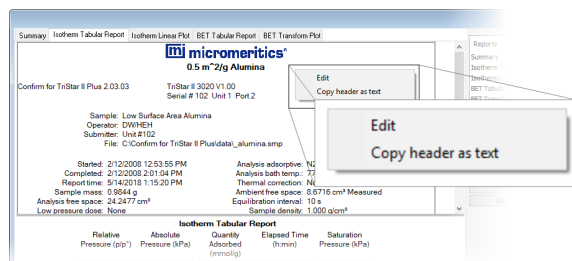


If configured, the report header can also contain a graphic and/or a title.

- Tabular and graphical reports contain sample and analyzer statistics such as analysis date / time, analysis conditions, etc.
- The headers contain notes of sample file changes occurring after analysis.
- Summary report headers contain the same information as tabular and graphical reports with the exception of notes.

REPORT HEADER SHORTCUTS

Display header shortcuts by right clicking in the report header.

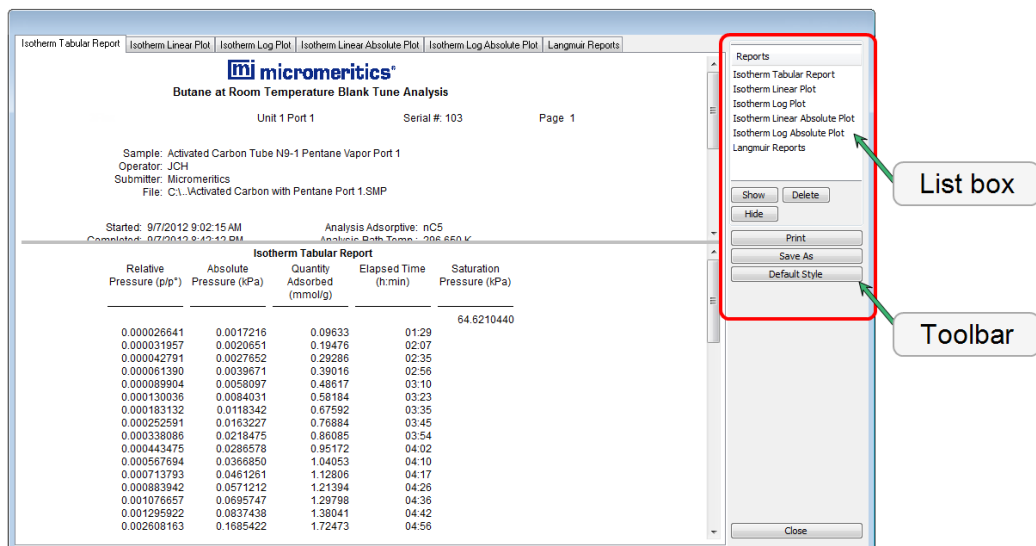


Report Header Shortcuts


Field or Button	Description
Copy header as text	Use to copy the report header as text. Text is copied to the clipboard and then can be pasted into other documents.
Edit	Use to edit the report title and/or graphic in the report header.

REPORT TOOLBAR

The *Report* window has a toolbar on the right portion of the window and selectable tabs at the top of the report header. To view a specific report, either select the tab or the report in the *Reports* list box, then click **Show**.

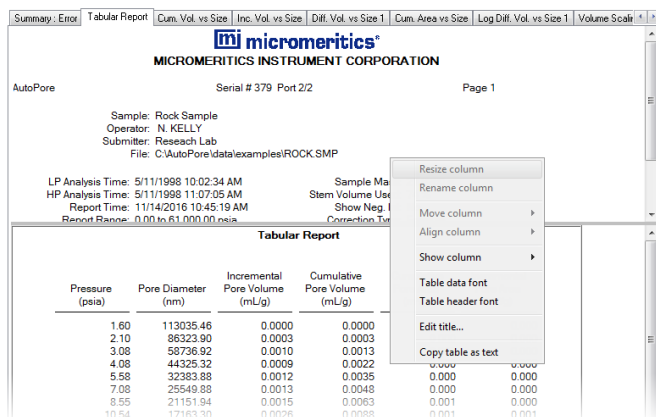


Report Toolbar

Field or Button	Description
Default Style [button]	Specify default report parameters for fonts and curve properties.
Delete [button]	Deletes the selected report in the <i>Reports</i> list box. Deleted reports will have to be regenerated if deleted in error.
Hide [button]	Hides (or temporarily removes) the selected report from the tabbed view. The report name remains in the <i>Reports</i> list box.
Print [button]	Displays the <i>Print</i> window for report output.
Reports [group box]	Contains a list of all generated reports. The same reports display as tabs at the top of the report header unless the report has been hidden using the Hide button.
Show [button]	Displays the selected or hidden report in the <i>Reports</i> list box.
 For fields and buttons not listed in this table, see Common Fields and Buttons on page 3 - 2.	

TABULAR REPORT FEATURES AND SHORTCUTS

Display tabular report shortcuts by right clicking in the body of the tabular report. Column shortcuts require right clicking on the column to be modified.



Tabular Reports Shortcut Options

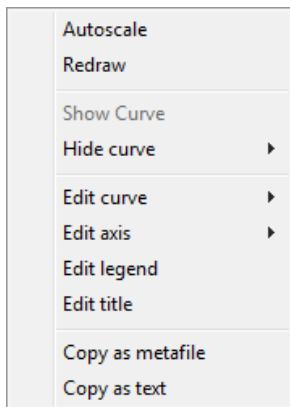
Field or Button	Description
Align column	Select to change the column alignment to either left, right, or centered.
Copy table as text	Use to copy the report contents to the clipboard as tab-delimited text. It can then be pasted into another document.
Edit title	Use to edit the report title and/or title font attributes. Click Font to modify font attributes.
Move column	Right click the column to be moved. Select <i>Move column</i> on the shortcut menu and select <i>Left</i> or <i>Right</i> for the move.
Rename column	Right click the column to be renamed. Select <i>Rename column</i> on the shortcut menu and enter the new column name.
Resize column	Right click the column to be resized. Select <i>Resize column</i> on the shortcut menu and enter the new column width in inches.
Show column	Displays a list of all columns. Click a column to add a checkmark to show the column or remove the checkmark to hide the column.
Table data font	Right click in the report data. Select <i>Table data font</i> on the shortcut menu.
Table header font	Right click in the report data. Select <i>Table header font</i> on the shortcut menu.



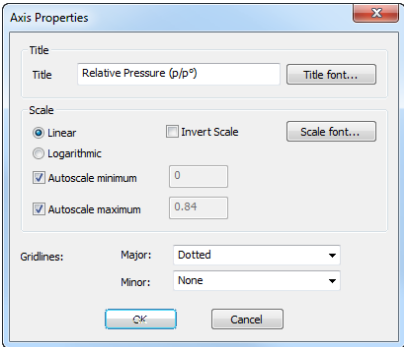
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GRAPH FEATURES AND SHORTCUTS

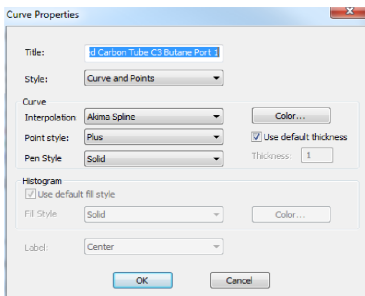
Display graph report shortcuts by right clicking in the body of the graph report.



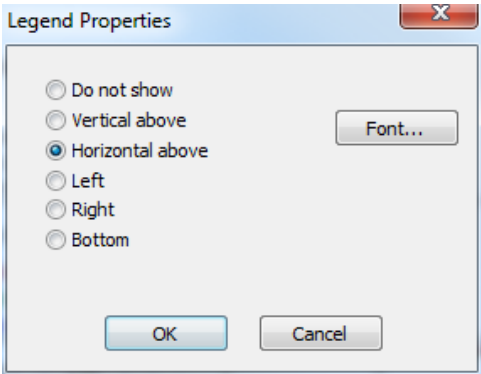

Graph Shortcuts Options

Field or Button	Description
Autoscale	Returns the report to full view after using the zoom feature.
Copy as Metafile	Copies the report data as a metafile (.WMF) .
Copy as Text	Copies the report data to the clipboard. It can then be pasted into other software programs as tab-delimited columns or copied as an overlay onto another graph.
Edit axis	<p>Use to edit the selected axis properties.</p>  <p>Autoscale minimum / maximum. To manually specify minimum / maximum autoscale, deselect the option and enter the new amount in the text box.</p> <p>Grid lines. Use to change how to display major / minor grid lines.</p> <p>Invert scale. Use to invert the scale.</p>

Graph Shortcuts Options (continued)

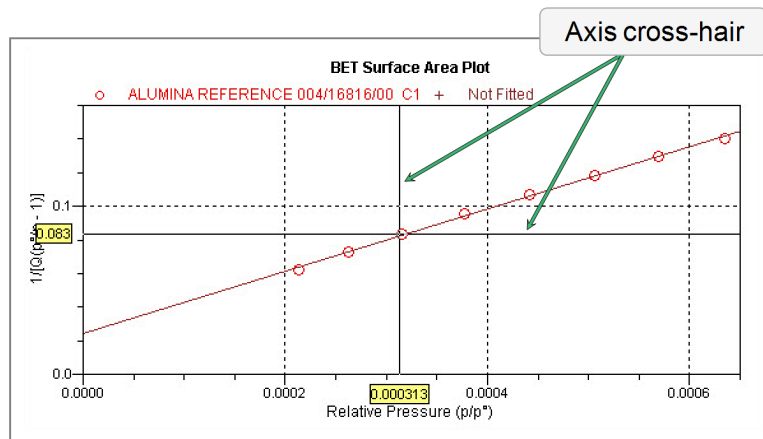
Field or Button	Description
	<p>Linear / Logarithmic. Select the option to scale the graph as linear or logarithmic.</p> <p>Scale font. Use to modify the font for the scale label. Deselect <i>Use default font</i> to enable font options.</p> <p>Title. Use to edit the selected axis label.</p> <p>Title font. Use to modify the font for the selected axis label. Deselect <i>Use default font</i>. Select new font attributes for report data. Enable <i>Use default font</i> to reset default fonts.</p>
Edit curve	<p>Use to edit selected curve properties.</p>  <p>Color. Click to change the curve color.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curve group box. Use to change the interpolation, point style and pen style for the selected curve. These options are disabled if <i>Use default fill style</i> is selected in the <i>Histogram</i> group box. Histogram group box. Enabled only if <i>Histogram</i> is selected in the <i>Style</i> drop-down list. Use to specify the type of fill, fill color and label position for the selected curve. <p>Label. Select where the graph point labels will display (left, right, center, etc.) on the SPC report.</p> <p>Style. Use to select another style for the collected data curve.</p> <p>Title. Use to change the title of the selected curve.</p> <p>Use default thickness. Uses the default curve thickness. Deselect to enter a new thickness number in the <i>Thickness</i> text box.</p>

Graph Shortcuts Options (continued)

Field or Button	Description
Edit legend	<p>Use to change the legend location and font. Click Font to modify font attributes.</p> 
Edit title	Use to change the graph title and font. Click Font to change font attributes.
Hide curve	Hides selected curve.
Redraw	Sets the axis boundaries to the original view. This option also removes cross-hairs.
Show curve	Displays a list of all curves. Select the curve to display.
 <p>For fields and buttons not listed in this table, see Common Fields and Buttons on page 3 - 2.</p>	

AXIS CROSS-HAIR

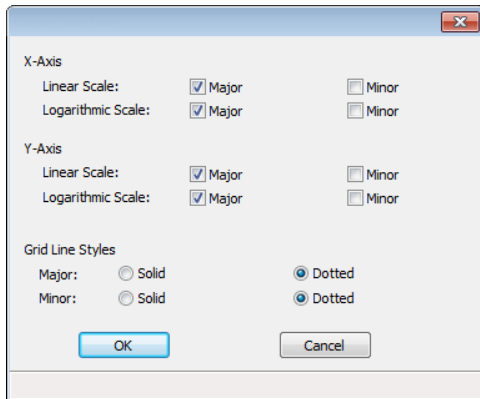
Left click on the graph to view the cross-hair coordinates.



Example of Axis cross-hair feature


GRAPH GRID LINES

Options > Graph Grid Lines



Use to select how grid lines appear on reports. This menu option is not available if using *Restricted* option presentation.

Graph Grid Lines

Field or Button	Description
Grid Line Styles [selection]	Select if the major and/or minor grid lines should appear as solid or dotted lines.
X-Axis / Y-Axis [selection]	Select major and/or minor lines to display in reports for the logarithmic and linear scales. Deselect this option to remove the grid lines.
 For fields and buttons not listed in this table, see Common Fields and Buttons on page 3 - 2 .	

ZOOM FEATURE

Use the zoom feature to examine graph details. Click, hold, and drag the left mouse button on the graphical area to be enlarged. A box will display in the area to be enlarged. To return to normal view, right click in the graph and select *Autoscale all axes*.

GRAPH AND SAMPLE OVERLAYS

CFR Note

In 21CFR11 environments, this feature is applicable to members of the Developer group only.

Use the graph overlay functions to compare multiple graph options. Graphical lines are differentiated by the use of varying colored symbols outlined on a legend. Overlays may be generated in two ways:

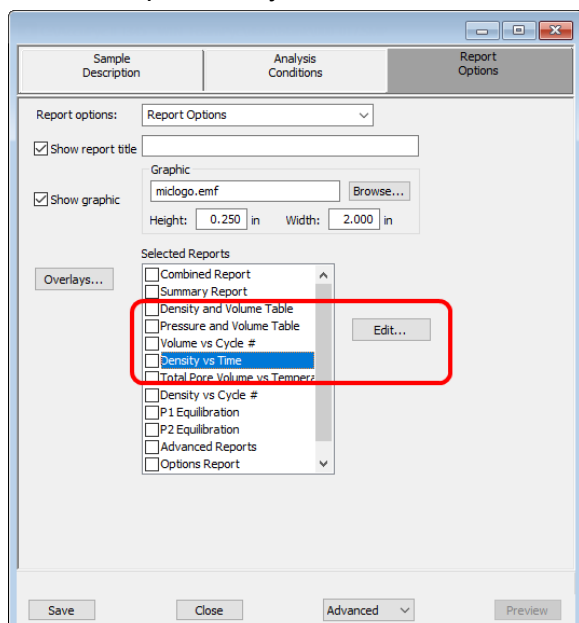
- **Multiple Graph Overlays.** Overlay two different types of graphs from one sample.
- **Multiple Sample Overlays.** Overlay graphs of the same type with that of the current plot.



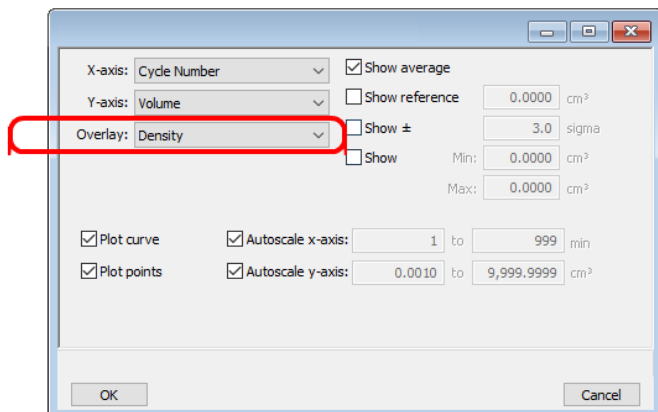
This feature is available only when using *Advanced* option presentation. Go to **Options > Option Presentation > Advanced**.

GENERATE MULTIPLE GRAPH OVERLAYS

1. Go to **Options > Option Presentation** and ensure there is a checkmark to the left of *Advanced*.
2. Go to **File > Open** and open the sample file.
3. On the *Report Options* tab, in the *Selected Reports* list box, highlight the graph to be used for multiple overlays, then click **Edit**.



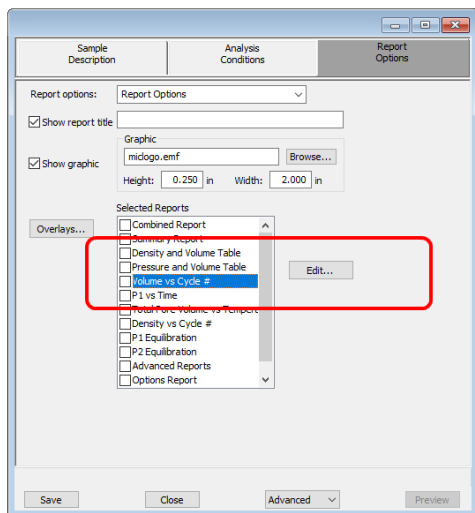
4. On the *Plot Options* window, select a quantity from the overlay list. If the x- and/or y-axes are to be autoscaled, select *Autoscale*; otherwise, enter the *From* and *To* points for the axes.



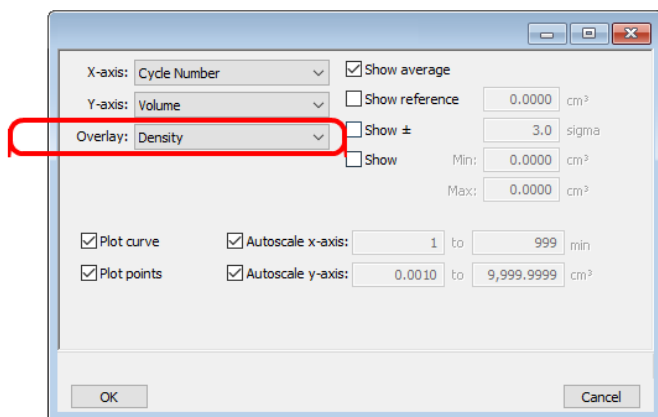
5. Click **OK** then click **Save**.
6. Select the overlay X-axis, Y-axis, and Overlay options.
7. Click **OK** to return to the *Report Options* tab.
8. Click **Save**, **Save As**, or **Preview**.

GENERATE MULTIPLE SAMPLE OVERLAYS

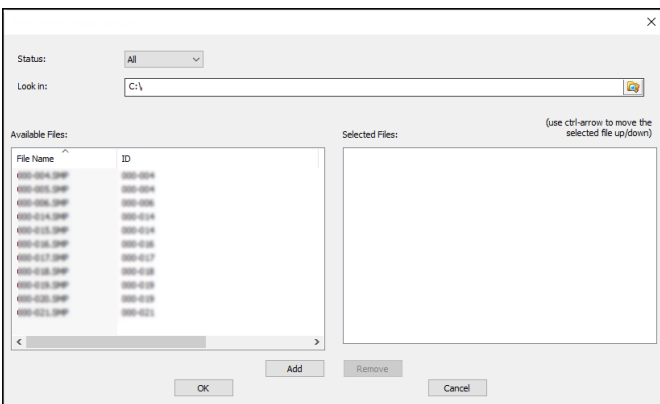
1. Go to **Options > Option Presentation** and ensure there is a checkmark to the left of **Advanced**.
2. Go to **File > Open** and open the sample file.
3. Click the **Report Options** tab.
4. In the **Selected Reports** list box, select the checkbox to the left of each report to include in the graph overlay.
5. Highlight the graph to be used for multiple overlays, then click **Edit**.



6. On the overlay window, click the down arrow to the right of the **Overlay** field and select **Overlay Samples**. Select other options as needed, then click **OK**.




7. In the *Report Options* tab, click **Overlays**.




8. On the *Overlays* window, move up to 25 files from the *Available Files* box to the *Selected Files* box. If the files to be overlaid do not display in the *Available Files* list, click the *Browse* icon to locate and select which graphs are to be overlaid.
9. Click **OK**.
10. Go to **Reports > Start Report**. Select the report destination in the *Settings* group box. Select the overlay file name in the *Files* list box, then click **OK**.
11. In the pop-up *Selected Reports* list box, reports can be added or removed by double clicking the entry. Selected reports are indicated by a checkmark to the left. Click **OK**.
12. Reports display in a tabbed format. Click each tab to view each report.

Overlay Sample Selection

Field	Description
Status [drop-down box]	Select the status of files to be combined.
Look in [button]	Click the Browse icon to change the file folder location.
Available Files [selection]	Lists files that meet the selected criteria. Select the files to be combined, then click Add . The selected files are moved to the <i>Selected Files</i> list box.
Selected Files [selection]	Lists the files selected to be combined. Click OK to combine the files.
 For fields and buttons not listed in this table, see Common Fields and Buttons on page 3 - 2.	

REPORT EXAMPLES

COMBINED REPORT



4356 Communications Drive Norcross, GA 30093

AccuPyc II 1340 Asphalt
V2.00

Unit 1

Serial #: 2366

Page 1

Sample: S/N 2366 1cc Volume Check
 Operator: AL
 Submitter: MAS
 Bar Code: Sphere Volume = 0.717913 - 0.719141
 File: C:\DATA\1406472C.SMP

Analysis Gas: Nitrogen
 Reported: 10/7/2014 1:36:57PM
 Sample Mass: 1.0000 g
 Temperature: 23.22 °C
 Number of Purges: 10
 Chamber Insert: None

Analysis Start: 9/2/2014 7:54:30AM
 Analysis End: 9/2/2014 8:34:14AM
 Equilib. Rate: 0.005 psig/min
 Expansion Volume: 0.8697 cm³
 Cell Volume: 1.3300 cm³

Comments: Total number of pages: 1

Combined Report
 Summary Report

Sample Volume
 Average: 0.7189 cm³
 Standard Deviation: 0.0000 cm³


Sample Density
 Average: 1.3910 g/cm³
 Standard Deviation: 0.0001 g/cm³

Tabular 1					
Cycle#	P1 Pressure (psig)	P2 Pressure (psig)	Volume (cm ³)	Density (g/cm ³)	Total Pore Volume (cm ³ /g)
1	19.5155	11.4624	0.7190	1.3909	0.2810
2	19.5252	11.4678	0.7189	1.3909	0.2811
3	19.5222	11.4658	0.7189	1.3910	0.2811
4	19.5291	11.4696	0.7189	1.3911	0.2811
5	19.5164	11.4622	0.7189	1.3911	0.2811
6	19.5199	11.4644	0.7189	1.3910	0.2811
7	19.5279	11.4685	0.7188	1.3912	0.2812
8	19.5274	11.4685	0.7189	1.3911	0.2811
9	19.5154	11.4612	0.7188	1.3911	0.2812
10	19.5275	11.4687	0.7189	1.3911	0.2811


Summary Data		Average	Standard Deviation
Volume:		0.7189 cm ³	0.0000 cm ³
Density:		1.3910 g/cm ³	0.0001 g/cm ³

6202- Total solids concentration is invalid; liquid density is greater than or equal to solids density.

SUMMARY REPORT

			
4356 Communication Drive Norcross, GA 30093			
AccuPyc II 1340 FoamPyc V2.00	Unit 3	Serial #: 108	Page 1
Sample: Glass Powder Operator: HH Submitter: Micromeritics Bar Code: File: C:\DATA\GLASS.SMP			
Analysis Gas: Helium Reported: 11/26/2014 10:35:20AM Sample Mass: 5.9637 g Temperature: 23.79 °C Number of Purges: 10 Chamber Insert: None		Analysis Start: 1/22/2007 2:40:48PM Analysis End: 1/22/2007 3:12:00PM Equilib. Rate: 0.005 psig/min Expansion Volume: 9.1029 cm ³ Cell Volume: 11.2990 cm ³	
Comments: Sample 1			
Summary Report			
Sample Volume			
Average: 2.2428 cm ³			
Standard Deviation: 0.0015 cm ³			
Sample Density			
Average: 2.6591 g/cm ³			
Standard Deviation: 0.0018 g/cm ³			

TABULAR REPORT



4356 Communication Drive Norcross, GA 30093

AccuPyc II 1340 FoamPyc
V2.00

Unit 3

Serial #: 108

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Sample: Glass Powder
 Operator: HH
 Submitter: Micromeritics
 Bar Code:
 File: C:\DATA\GLASS.SMP

Analysis Gas: Helium
 Reported: 11/26/2014 10:35:20AM
 Sample Mass: 5.9637 g
 Temperature: 23.79 °C
 Number of Purges: 10
 Chamber Insert: None

Analysis Start: 1/22/2007 2:40:48PM
 Analysis End: 1/22/2007 3:12:00PM
 Equilib. Rate: 0.005 psig/min
 Expansion Volume: 9.1029 cm³
 Cell Volume: 11.2990 cm³

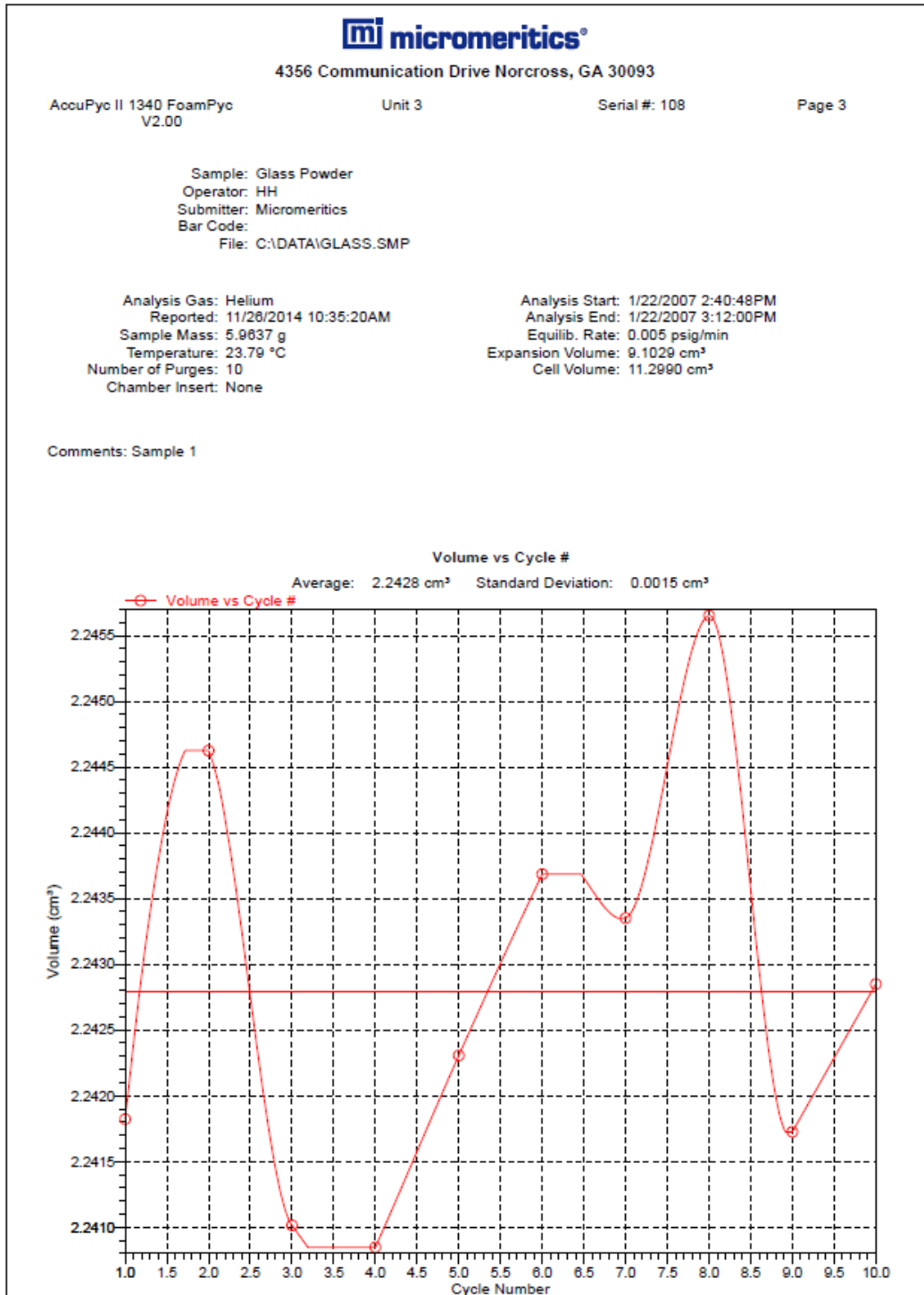
Comments: Sample 1

Density and Volume Report

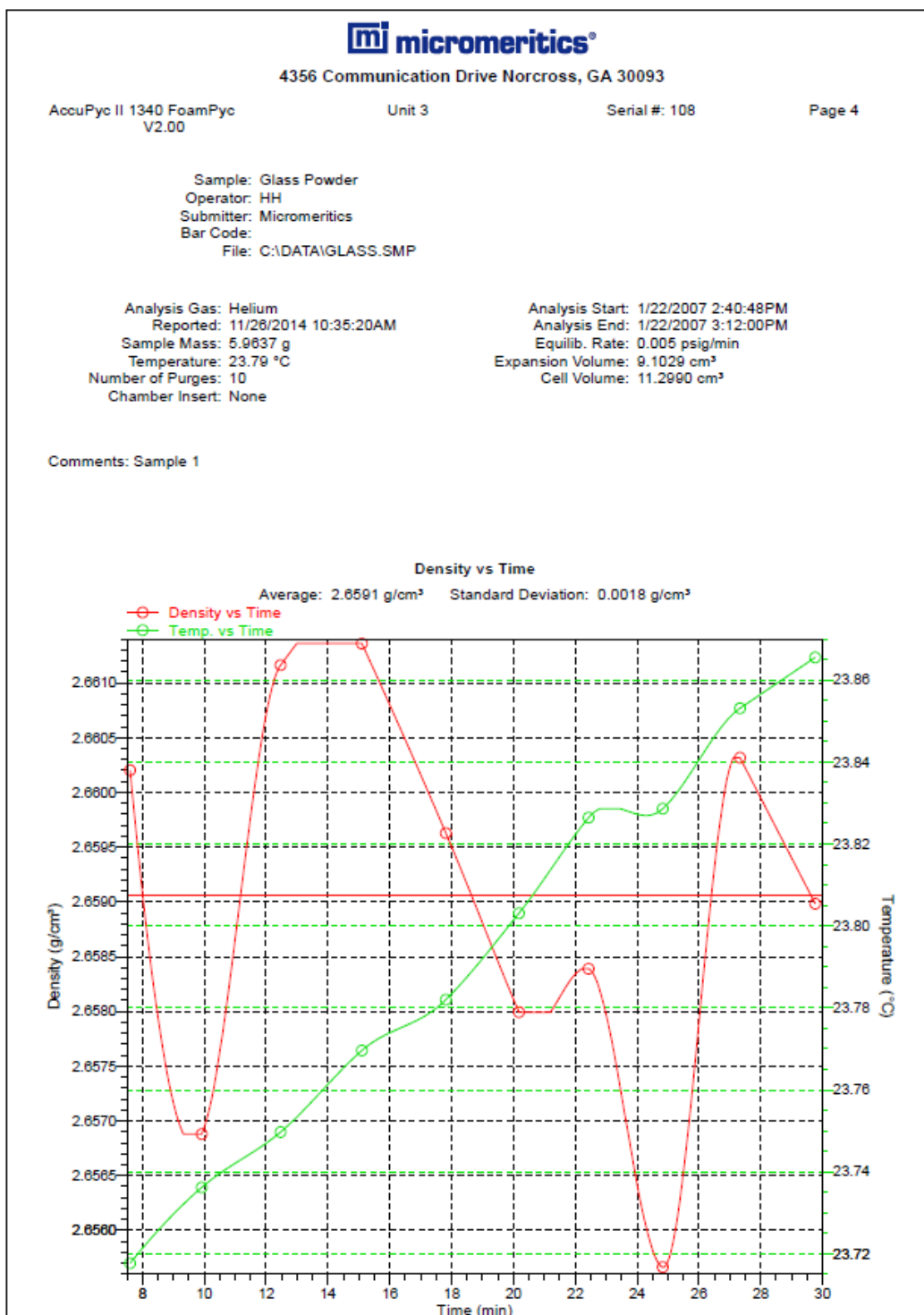
Cycle#	Volume (cm ³)	P2 Pressure Deviation (psig)	Density (g/cm ³)	Volume Deviation (cm ³)	Temperature (°C)	Porosity* (%)
1	2.2418	-0.017	2.6602	-0.0010	23.72	62.41
2	2.2446	-0.006	2.6569	0.0018	23.74	62.36
3	2.2410	-0.028	2.6612	-0.0018	23.75	62.42
4	2.2408	-0.014	2.6614	-0.0019	23.77	62.43
5	2.2423	-0.012	2.6596	-0.0005	23.78	62.40
6	2.2437	0.002	2.6580	0.0009	23.80	62.38
7	2.2434	0.032	2.6584	0.0006	23.83	62.38
8	2.2457	0.027	2.6557	0.0029	23.83	62.34
9	2.2417	0.013	2.6603	-0.0011	23.85	62.41
10	2.2428	0.004	2.6590	0.0001	23.87	62.39

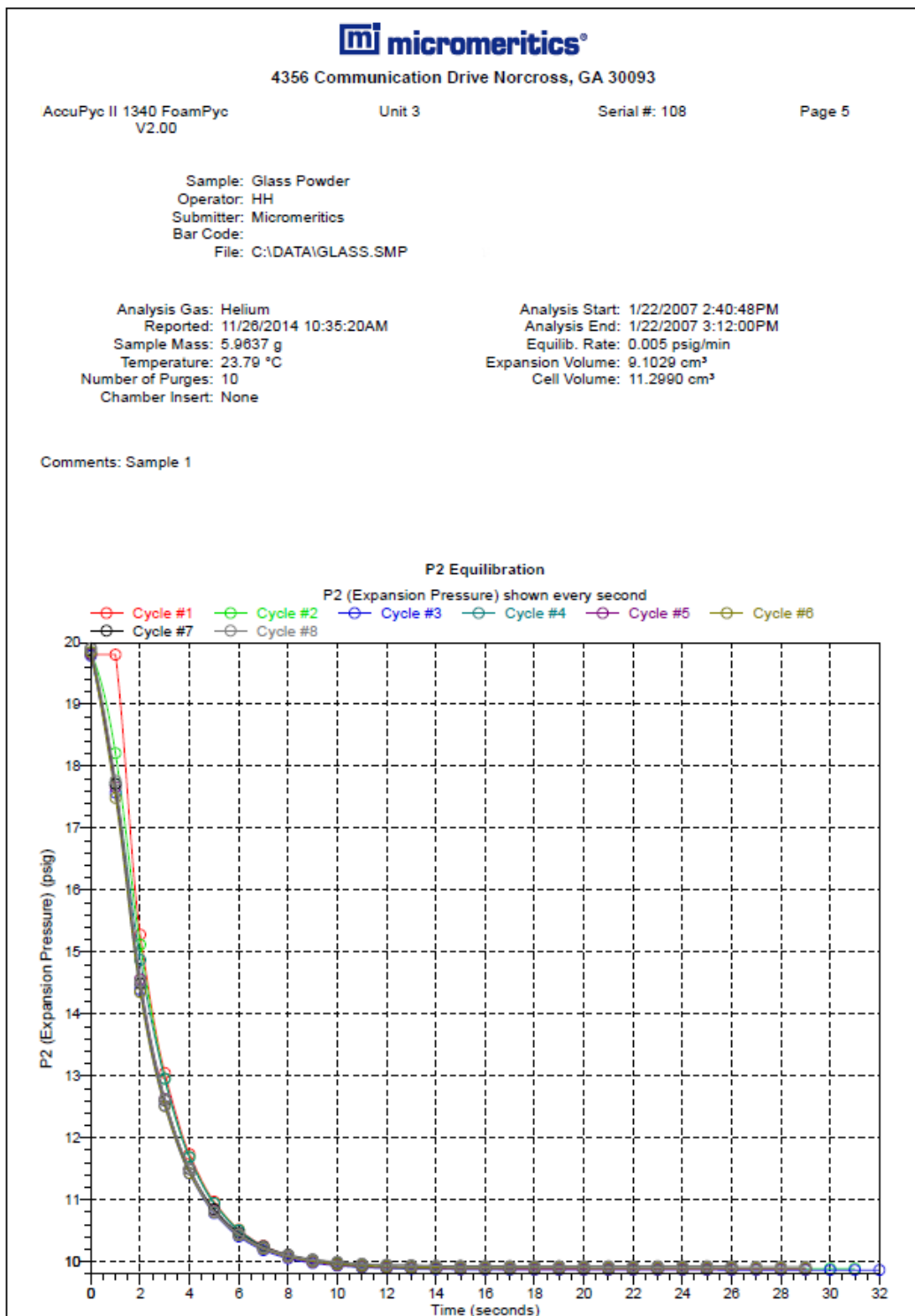
Summary Data	Average	Standard Deviation
Volume:	2.2428 cm ³	0.0015 cm ³
Density:	2.6591 g/cm ³	0.0018 g/cm ³

*Calculated from envelope density


GRAPH REPORT

OVERLAY REPORT



EQUILIBRATION REPORT

SAMPLE LOG REPORT


4356 Communications Drive Norcross, GA 30093

AccuPyc II 1340 Asphalt
V2.00

Unit 1

Serial #: 2366

Page 1

Sample: S/N 2366 1cc Volume Check
Operator: AL
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Analysis Gas: Nitrogen
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Number of Purges: 10
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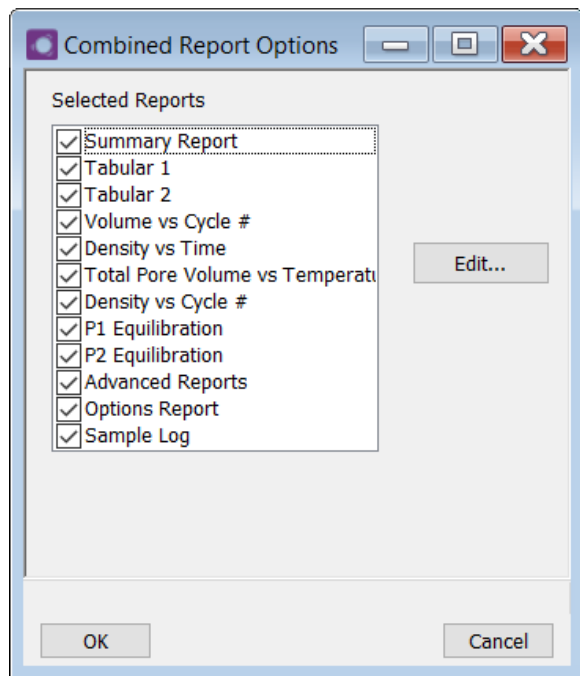
Comments: Total number of pages: 1

Sample log		
Date	Time	Log Message
9/2/2014	7:54:30AM	Analysis started.
9/2/2014	8:34:14AM	Analysis done.

Blank Page

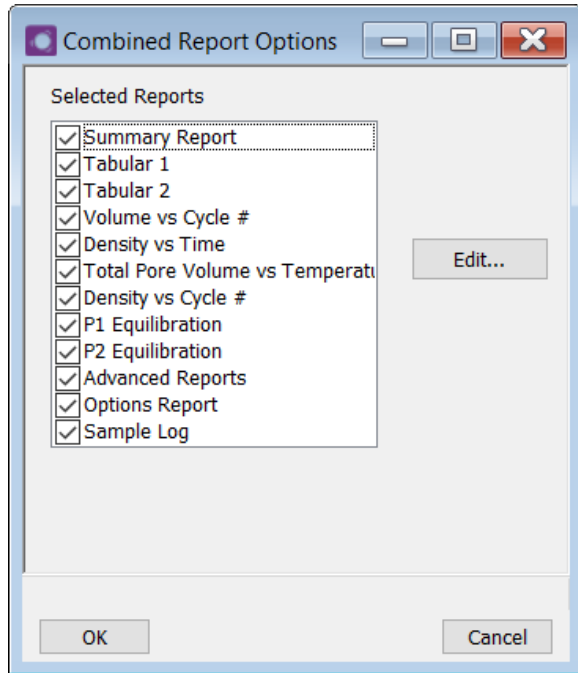
8 SELECTED REPORTS

COMBINED REPORT




The *Combined Reports* option creates a single report from all selected reports. The *Combined Report* contains no breaks between reports and no headings. Highlight the report, then click [Edit](#) to edit report details.

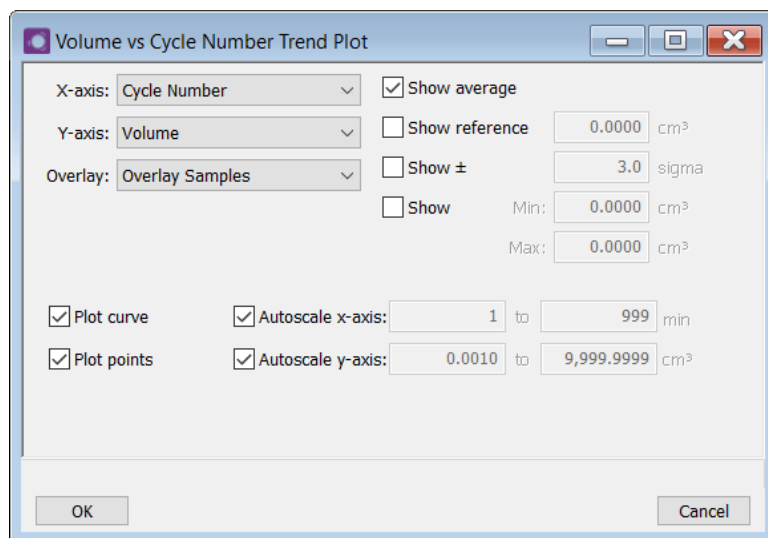
DENSITY AND VOLUME TABLE



Density and Volume

Field or Button	Description
Columns 1 through 7 [drop-down box]	Select a variable for each column.
Name [text box]	Enter the name of the report.
Summary Data [group box]	Select the average, standard deviation, and coefficient of variation (C.V.) for report parameters.
 For fields and buttons not listed in this table, see Common Fields and Buttons on page 3 - 2 .	

VOLUME VS CYCLE NUMBER TREND PLOT




There are four types of graphical reports available. Report titles are based on the parameters selected for the x-axis and y-axis.

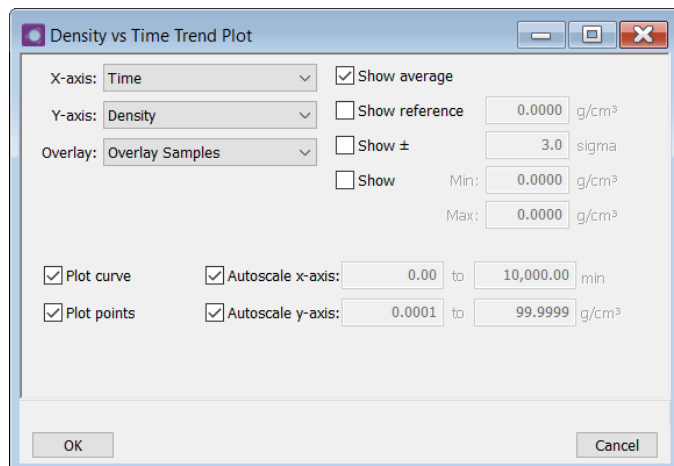
Density vs Cycle Number Trend Plot

Field or Button	Description
Autoscale x-axis Autoscale y-axis [check box]	When enabled on the report parameters windows, allows the x- and y- axes to be scaled automatically. <i>Autoscale</i> means that the x- and y- ranges will be set so that all the data is shown. If <i>Autoscale</i> is not selected, the entered range is used.
Overlay [drop-down box]	Select overlay plot options. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A second y-axis can be selected to overlay with the variable in the y-Axis field, or Select <i>Overlay Samples</i> to overlay data of the type selected in the y-axis field with the same type of data contained in other sample files. To select other sample files, go to the <i>Report Options</i> tab and click the Overlays button.
Plot curve Plot points [check box]	Select to display how data are plotted.
Show +/- [check box]	Select to place two horizontal lines on the graph. The top line will be placed at a point relative to the average and standard deviation of the data. The bottom line will be placed at the point entered in the adjacent field.

Density vs Cycle Number Trend Plot (continued)

Field or Button	Description
Show Average <i>[check box]</i>	Select to show the average of all cycles. A horizontal line is placed at the average point for the cycles.
Show Min Show Max <i>[check box]</i>	Horizontal lines are placed at the entered limits.
Show Reference <i>[check box]</i>	Select to show a horizontal line placed at a reference point specified in the adjacent field.
X-Axis <i>[check box]</i>	Variables available for the x-axis.
Y-Axis <i>[check box]</i>	Variables available for the y-axis.
 For fields and buttons not listed in this table, see Common Fields and Buttons on page 3 - 2 .	

DENSITY VS TIME TREND PLOT



Density vs Time Trend Plot

X-axis: Time

Y-axis: Density

Overlay: Overlay Samples

☒ Show average

☐ Show reference 0.0000 g/cm³

☐ Show ± 3.0 sigma

☐ Show Min: 0.0000 g/cm³ Max: 0.0000 g/cm³

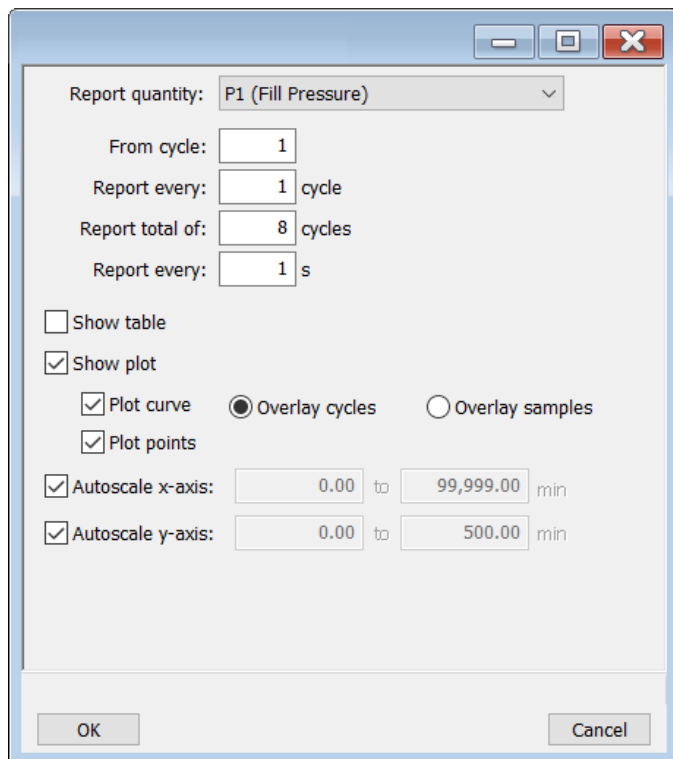
☒ Plot curve ☒ Autoscale x-axis: 0.00 to 10,000.00 min

☒ Plot points ☒ Autoscale y-axis: 0.0001 to 99.9999 g/cm³

OK Cancel

The *Density vs Cycle Number Trend Plot* and the *Volume vs Cycle Number Trend Plot* are identical except for the x-axis units. See [Volume vs Cycle Number Trend Plot on page 8 - 3](#).

EQUILIBRATION REPORT




This report is available only if the *Record equilibration data* option was selected on the *Analysis Conditions* tab.

Equilibration Report

Field or Button	Description
Autoscale x-axis Autoscale y-axis [check box]	When enabled on the report parameters windows, allows the x- and y- axes to be scaled automatically. <i>Autoscale</i> means that the x- and y- ranges will be set so that all the data is shown. If <i>Autoscale</i> is not selected, the entered range is used.
From cycle [text box]	Enter the first cycle to report.
Report every [text box]	Enter the interval between reported cycles.
Overlay cycles [check box]	Select to overlay the number of cycles entered in the <i>Report total of</i> field.
Overlay samples [check box]	Select to overlay the last cycle in the current file with the last cycle contained in other files. Click Overlays on the <i>Report Options</i> tab to select the other sample files.

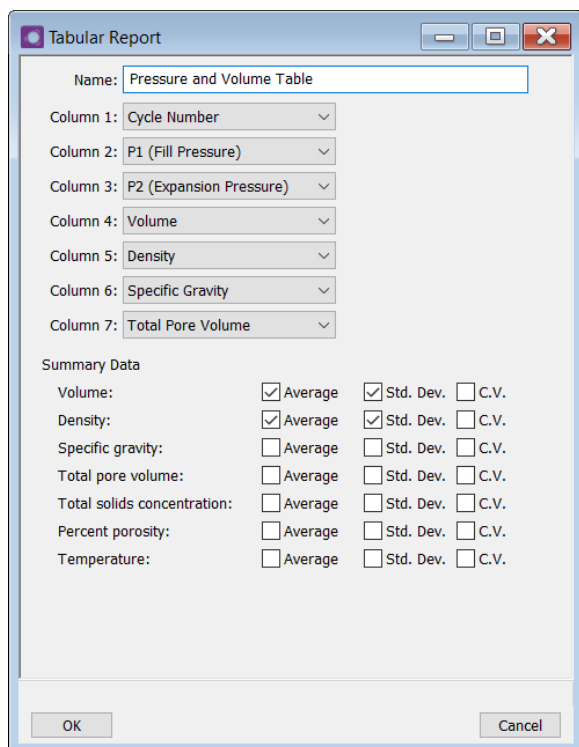
Equilibration Report (continued)

Field or Button	Description
Plot curve Plot points <i>[check box]</i>	Select to display how data are plotted.
Report quantity <i>[drop-down box]</i>	Select a variable to be reported.
Report total of <i>[text box]</i>	Enter the number of cycles for this report. Enter up to 8 cycles.
Report every <i>[text box]</i>	Enter time between points. Up to 60 seconds can be entered.
Show plot <i>[check box]</i>	Generates a plot (graph) for the <i>Report quantity</i> field selection.
Show table <i>[check box]</i>	Generates a tabular report for the <i>Report quantity</i> field selection.
 For fields and buttons not listed in this table, see Common Fields and Buttons on page 3 - 2.	

OPTIONS REPORT

The *Options* report provides information on the sample, its material properties, and analysis conditions. This report cannot be edited.

PRESSURE AND VOLUME TABLE



Tabular Report

Name:

Column 1:

Column 2:

Column 3:

Column 4:

Column 5:

Column 6:

Column 7:

Summary Data

Volume:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Std. Dev.	<input type="checkbox"/> C.V.
Density:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Std. Dev.	<input type="checkbox"/> C.V.
Specific gravity:	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Std. Dev.	<input type="checkbox"/> C.V.
Total pore volume:	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Std. Dev.	<input type="checkbox"/> C.V.
Total solids concentration:	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Std. Dev.	<input type="checkbox"/> C.V.
Percent porosity:	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Std. Dev.	<input type="checkbox"/> C.V.
Temperature:	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Std. Dev.	<input type="checkbox"/> C.V.

OK Cancel

The *Pressure and Volume Table* and the *Density and Volume Table* are identical unless otherwise noted. See [Density and Volume Table on page 8 - 2](#).

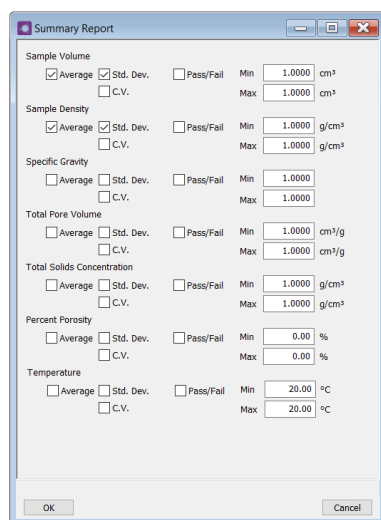
SAMPLE LOG REPORT

The Sample Log report displays:

- Automatic operations
- Information entered using [Add Log Entry](#) on the *Sample Information* tab
- Warnings and/or errors which occurred during analysis

The *Sample Log Report* cannot be edited.

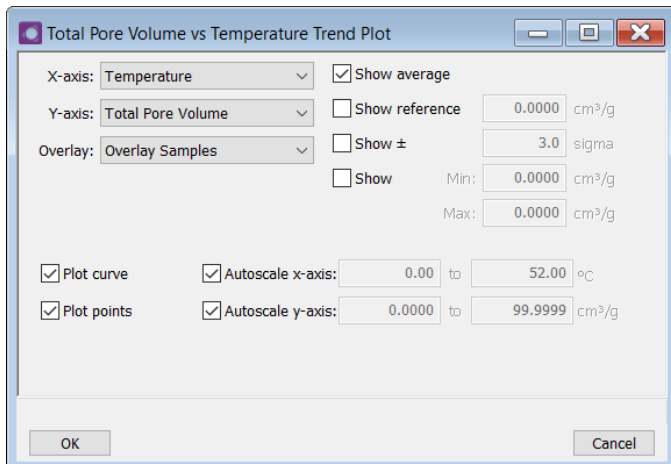
SUMMARY REPORT



Summary report example

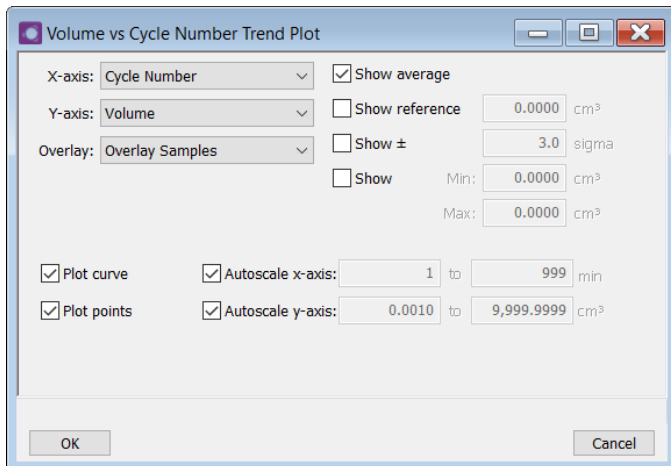
The *Summary Report* provides a condensed listing of data results. Select the type of information to include in the report. If *Pass/Fail* is selected, the *Min* and *Max* fields are enabled. Enter the minimum and maximum values for the pass / fail.

TOTAL PORE VOLUME VS TEMPERATURE



The *Total Pore Volume vs Temperature* and the *Density vs Cycle Number Trend Plot* are identical unless otherwise noted. See [Volume vs Cycle Number Trend Plot on page 8 - 3](#).

VOLUME VS CYCLE NUMBER TREND PLOT

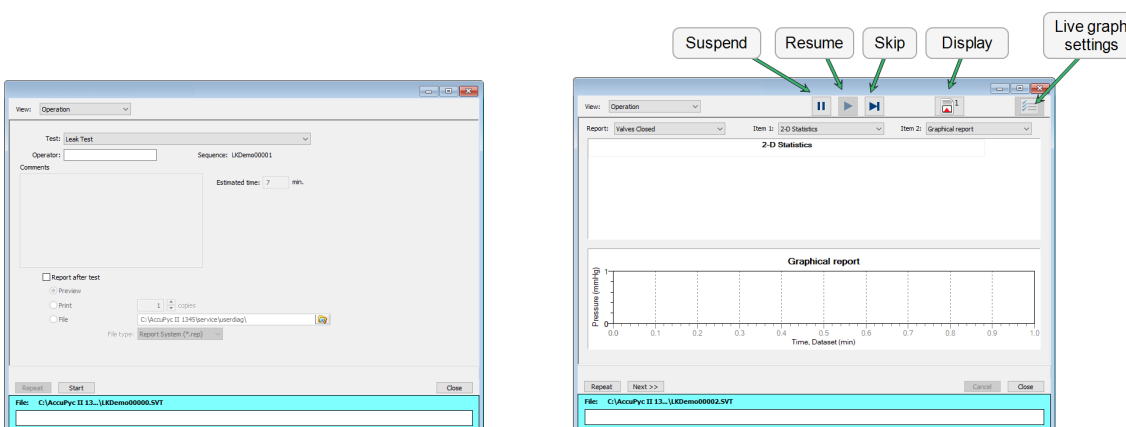


The *Volume vs Cycle Number* and the *Density vs Cycle Number Trend Plot* are identical unless otherwise noted. See [Volume vs Cycle Number Trend Plot on page 8 - 3](#).

9 DIAGNOSTICS USING THE SOFTWARE

Unit [n] > Diagnostics


Performs a leak test for the analysis module.



Diagnostic Test

Field or Button	Description
Estimated time	Amount of time it takes to run the test.
File	Shows a status bar of steps complete once the test begins.
Live Graph	Select graph settings.
Next [button]	Starts the next test.
Operator [text box]	Name of the operator performing the diagnostic.
Repeat [button]	Repeats the test.
Report	Generates a report on data being collected . The reports are displayed on the computer monitor only.
Report after test [checkbox]	Automatically generates reports to the selected destination when the test is complete.
Resume [button]	Restarts the suspended analysis.
Sequence	Sequence number assigned to the test.
Skip [button]	Moves to the next step. This button is visible only when an analysis is in progress. Select the ports to skip. In 21CFR11 environments, steps cannot be skipped.
Start [button]	Starts the test.

Diagnostic Test (continued)

Field or Button	Description
Status window	Displays the status of the report.
Suspend <i>[button]</i>	Suspends an analysis in progress.
Test <i>[drop-down box]</i>	Select the appropriate test from the drop-down list.
 For fields and buttons not listed in this table, see Common Fields and Buttons on page 3 - 2 .	

10 ABOUT CALIBRATION

The pycnometer volume should be calibrated every time it is restarted. Cell volume and expansion volume in the set up parameters are updated automatically upon calibration. Run an analysis with an empty cup to see how close the average volume is to 0. It should be $\pm 0.05\%$ of full scale. If it is not within $\pm 0.05\%$ of full scale, calibration is required.

If calibrating using the keypad, see [Calibrate Using the Keypad on page 10 - 15](#).

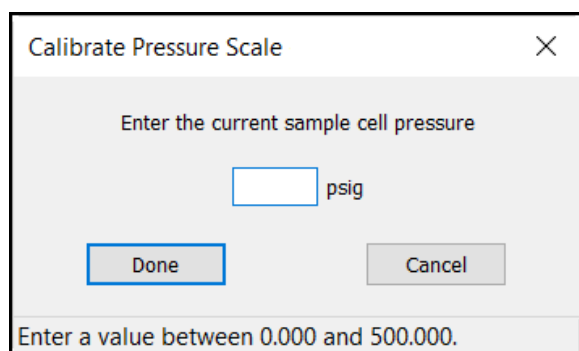
CALIBRATE USING THE SOFTWARE

If calibrating using the keypad, see [Calibrate Using the Keypad on page 10 - 15](#)

CALIBRATE PRESSURE SCALE

Unit [n] > Calibration > Pressure Scale

Opens the *Calibrate Pressure Scale* box.



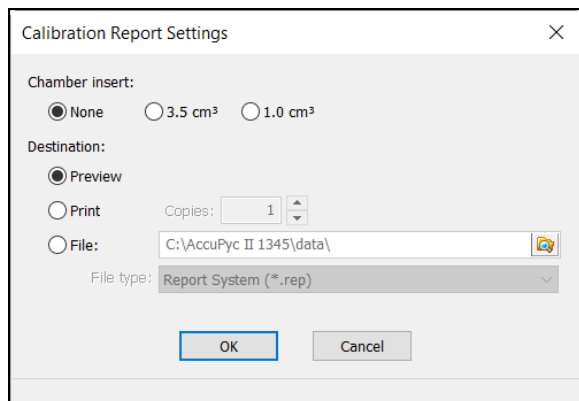
Calibrates the pressure scale. Use an external reference device to determine the sample cell pressure. Enter the value in the field, then click **Done**.

A Calibration report is not generated for the pressure scale. The entry is recorded in the *Instrument Log*. To view the log, go to **Unit [n] > Show Instrument Log**.

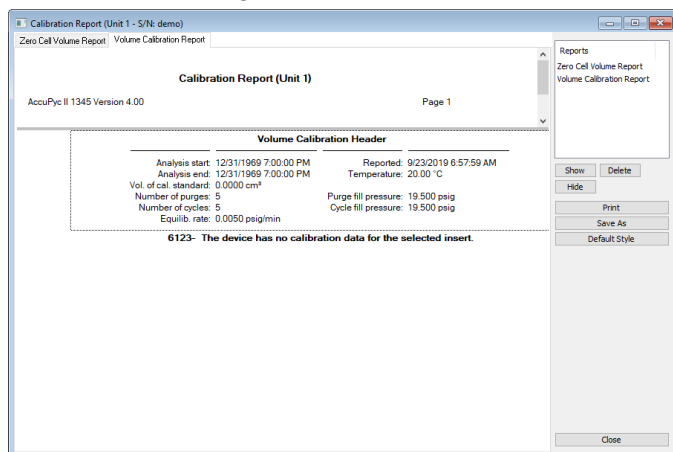
1. Enter the current sample cell pressure.
2. Click **Done**. The pressure reading will be adjusted to the entered pressure.

CALIBRATION REPORT

Unit [n] > Calibration > Calibration Report



1. Select the type of chamber insert used.
2. Select the report destination.
3. Click **OK** to generate the report.



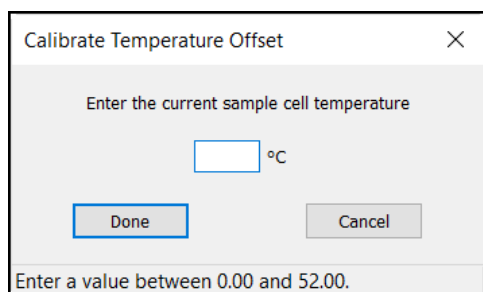
CALIBRATE TEMPERATURE OFFSET

Unit [n] > Calibration > Temperature

Opens the *Calibrate Temperature Offset* box.

Calibrates the temperature offset. Use an external reference device to determine the sample cell temperature. Enter the value in the field, then click **Done**.

A Calibration report is not generated for the temperature offset. The entry is recorded in the *Instrument Log*. To view the log, go to **Unit [n] > Show Instrument Log**.



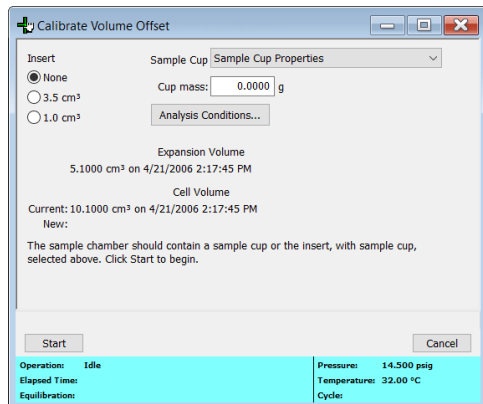
The image shows a software dialog box titled "Calibrate Temperature Offset" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Inside the dialog, the text "Enter the current sample cell temperature" is displayed above a text input field followed by "°C". Below the input field are two buttons: "Done" and "Cancel". At the bottom of the dialog, a message states "Enter a value between 0.00 and 52.00."

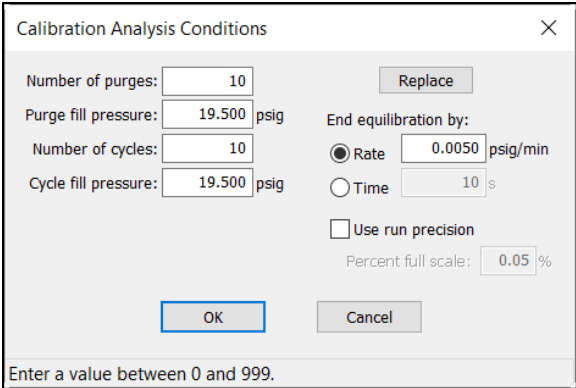
1. Enter the current sample cell temperature.
2. Click **Done**. Temperature reading will be adjusted to the entered temperature.


CALIBRATE ZERO CELL VOLUME

Unit [n] > Calibration > Zero Cell Volume

Use to calibrate the cell volume offset.



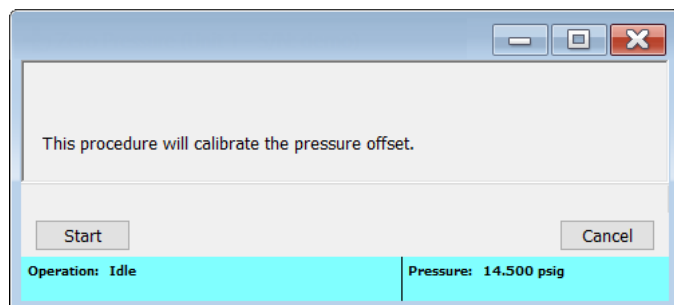
Field or Button	Description
Analysis Conditions	<p>Specify conditions for the calibration.</p>  <p>Click Replace to replace the values with those from an existing <i>Analysis Conditions</i> file. See Analysis Conditions on page 5 - 2.</p>
Cell Volume	Current cell volume (without an insert) or the volume of the selected insert.
Expansion Volume	Current expansion volume, and the date and time of calibration.
Insert 1 cm³ unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 0.1 cm³ <p>If <i>None</i> is selected, place an empty sample cup in the chamber.</p>

Field or Button	Description
Insert 10 cm ³ unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 3.5 cm³ <p>If <i>None</i> is selected, place an empty sample cup in the chamber.</p>
Insert 1.0 cm ³ and 100 cm ³ unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 35 cm³ 10 cm³ <p>If <i>None</i> is selected, place an empty sample cup in the chamber.</p>
Insert 350 cm ³ and 2000 cm ³ units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None Large Small <p>If <i>None</i> is selected, place an empty sample cup in the chamber.</p>
 <p>For fields and buttons not listed in this table, see Common Fields and Buttons on page 3 - 2.</p>	

CALIBRATE ZERO PRESSURE

Unit [n] > Calibration > Zero Pressure

This option zeros the pressure transducer reading.



Click **Start** to calibrate the pressure offset.

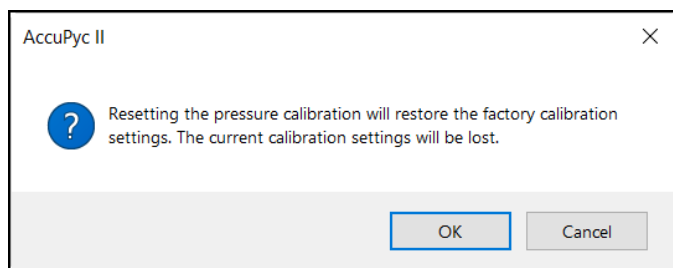
RESET PRESSURE CALIBRATION

Unit [n] > Calibration > Reset Pressure Calibration

This procedure resets the pressure calibration to the factory default settings.

This option can be used when the pressure appears not to be reported correctly by the analyzer. For example: a zero, negative, or unreasonably high reading is being consistently reported. Resetting to nominal may restore normal pressure readings but a proper calibration should be performed.

A popup warning indicates that when this option is used, the previous pressure calibration is lost and the nominal calibration is used.



Temperature and volume calibrations are not affected by a reset of the pressure calibration.

Click **OK**. The nominal calibrations may be sufficient. However, it is recommended to contact your Micromeritics Service Representative and schedule a proper pressure calibration as soon as possible since data accuracy may be compromised.

CALIBRATE VOLUME SCALE

Unit [n] > Calibration > Calibrate Volume



See also:

[Regulator Pressure on page 12 - 12](#)

Calibrates the cell volume offset and expansion volume.

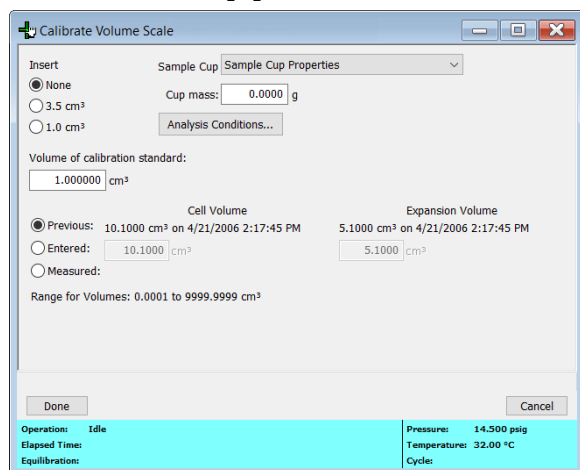
Although the instrument is calibrated prior to shipment, the pycnometer should be recalibrated to laboratory atmospheric and environmental conditions.

1. Remove the chamber cap and place an empty cup into the sample chamber, then replace the cap. If an insert is being used, place the insert and its sample cup into the chamber.



Wear latex or nitrile, powder-free gloves to prevent transfer of oil from hands when handling sample cups, calibration standards, and inserts. See [Handling System Components on page 11 - 5](#).

2. Go to **Unit [n] > Calibration > Calibrate Volume**.



The screenshot shows the 'Calibrate Volume Scale' dialog box. It has a title bar with standard window controls. Inside, there are several sections: 'Insert' with radio buttons for 'None', '3.5 cm³', and '1.0 cm³'; 'Sample Cup' with a dropdown menu and a 'Cup mass' field set to '0.0000 g'; 'Volume of calibration standard:' with a text field set to '1.000000 cm³'; 'Cell Volume' with radio buttons for 'Previous:', 'Entered:', and 'Measured:', and a text field set to '10.1000 cm³'; 'Expansion Volume' with a text field set to '5.1000 cm³'; and a 'Range for Volumes: 0.0001 to 9999.9999 cm³' field. At the bottom, there are 'Done' and 'Cancel' buttons. A status bar at the very bottom shows 'Operation: Idle', 'Elapsed Time:', 'Equilibration:', 'Pressure: 14.500 psig', 'Temperature: 32.00 °C', and 'Cycle:'.

3. Enter the volume of the calibration standard (located on the outside of the calibration standards case shipped with the instrument) in the *Volume of Calibration Standard* field.
The value recorded on the case for a 10 cm³ pycnometer is the sum of the two standards, and on a 350 cm³ pycnometer, the sum of the three standards.
4. Select the *Measured* option.
5. Click **Analysis Conditions** to specify calibration parameters. Click **Replace** and select the file *Standard.anc*. The values in the current file will be replaced with those contained in the selected file. Click **OK**, then click **OK** again to return to the *Calibrate Volume Scale* window.

Calibration Analysis Conditions

Number of purges: 10 Replace

Purge fill pressure: 19.500 psig

Number of cycles: 10

Cycle fill pressure: 19.500 psig

End equilibration by:

☒ Rate 0.0050 psig/min

☐ Time 10 s

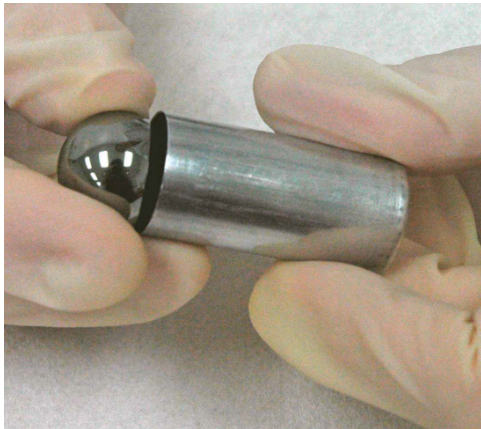
☐ Use run precision

Percent full scale: 0.05 %

OK Cancel

Enter a value between 0 and 999.

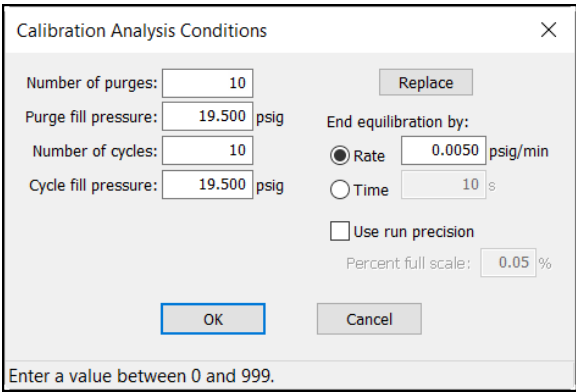
6. Click **Start** to begin the first phase of the calibration (volume offset). Status messages display until this phase is complete. When the phase has finished, a prompt display indicates to insert the calibration standard.
7. Remove the sample chamber cap, then remove the sample cup from the chamber. Place the cap back onto the chamber while placing the standard into the cup.
8. Tilt the sample cup and allow the standard to roll gently into the cup to prevent denting of the cup.




- one standard is shipped with the 1-, 100-, and 2000 cm³ pycnometers
 - two are shipped with the 10 cm³ pycnometer
 - three are shipped with the 350 cm³ pycnometer
9. Remove the sample chamber cap, place the sample cup back into the chamber, and replace the cap. Turn the cap clockwise to tighten.
 10. Allow the standards to reach thermal equilibrium with the pycnometer.
 - Wait 10 minutes for 1- and 10 cm³ pycnometer
 - Wait 15 minutes for the 100 cm³ pycnometer
 - Wait 20 minutes for the 350 cm³ pycnometer
 - 30 minutes for the 2000 cm³ pycnometer

11. Click **Continue** to complete the second phase of the calibration (volume scale). Status messages display until the calibration is complete.
12. Click **Done** to accept the new values, then click **OK**.
13. Do not remove the standard from the sample chamber until the operation is verified. See [Verify Operation on page 10 - 12](#).

Calibrate Volume Scale

Field or Button	Description								
Analysis Conditions	<p>Specify conditions for the calibration.</p>  <p>Click Replace to replace the values with those from an existing Analysis Conditions file.</p>								
Cell Volume	Displays the current cell volume (without an insert), or the volume of the selected insert.								
Continue [button]	Place the standard into the sample cup and click Continue to complete the volume scale calibration.								
Expansion Volume	Displays the current expansion volume, and the date and time of calibration.								
Insert	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>1 cm³ unit</td><td>None, 0.1 cm³</td></tr> <tr> <td>10 cm³ unit</td><td>None, 3.5 cm³</td></tr> <tr> <td>1.0 cm³ 100 cm³ unit</td><td>None, 35 cm³, 10 cm³</td></tr> <tr> <td>350 cm³ and 2000 cm³ units</td><td>None, Large, Small</td></tr> </table> <p>If <i>None</i> is selected, place an empty sample cup in the chamber.</p>	1 cm ³ unit	None, 0.1 cm ³	10 cm ³ unit	None, 3.5 cm ³	1.0 cm ³ 100 cm ³ unit	None, 35 cm ³ , 10 cm ³	350 cm ³ and 2000 cm ³ units	None, Large, Small
1 cm ³ unit	None, 0.1 cm ³								
10 cm ³ unit	None, 3.5 cm ³								
1.0 cm ³ 100 cm ³ unit	None, 35 cm ³ , 10 cm ³								
350 cm ³ and 2000 cm ³ units	None, Large, Small								
Previous / Entered / Measured [check box]	<p>Select the method for calibrating the cell and expansion volumes.</p> <p>Previous. Uses the current values.</p> <p>Entered. Enables the fields for the cell and expansion volumes.</p> <p>Measured. Measure the cell and expansion volumes using a reference standard.</p>								

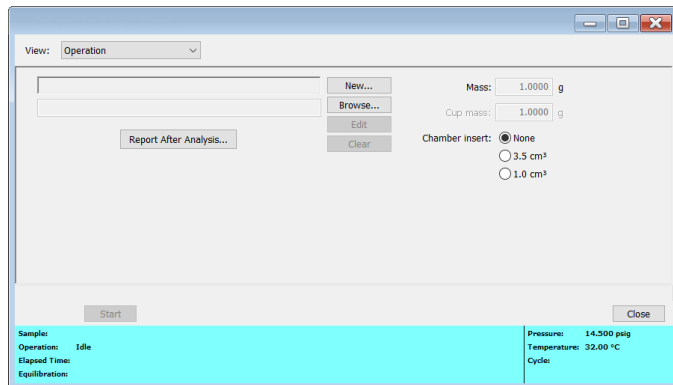
Calibrate Volume Scale (continued)

Field or Button	Description
Start <i>[button]</i>	Begins the first segment of the volume offset calibration.
Volume of Calibration Standard <i>[text box]</i>	The volume of the standard used for the previous calibration.
 For fields and buttons not listed in this table, see Common Fields and Buttons on page 3 - 2 .	

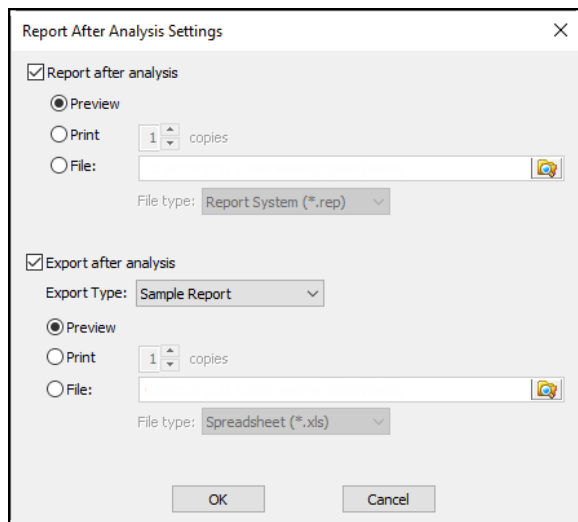
VERIFY OPERATION

Verify operation of the pycnometer by performing an analysis on the calibration standard to ensure that the pycnometer is operating properly.

1. Go to **Unit [n] > Sample Analysis**.
2. Click **New** to create a new sample file.
3. Click **Replace all** and select the *refanly.smp* file. The values in the current file will be replaced with those contained in *refanly.smp*. Click **OK**.



4. Click **Report After Analysis**. Select the *Report after analysis* option, then click **OK**.



5. Click **Start** to begin the analysis.
6. Compare the value displayed for the average volume to the value recorded on the calibration standards case. These two values should agree plus or minus the tolerance obtained using the following calculation:

$$\text{Tolerance} = (\text{chamber volume} * 0.0003) + (\text{Value recorded on Standards case} * 0.0003)$$

Example: calculate the tolerance for a 10 cm³ pycnometer with a value of 6.372242 cm³ recorded on the case as :

$$\text{Tolerance} = (10 * 0.0003) + (6.372242 * 0.0003) = 0.003 + 0.0019116726 = 0.005 \text{ cm}^3$$

If the values do not agree, a leak may be indicated. Check the system for leaks. Then repeat steps 1 through 6. If the values continue to disagree, contact your Micromeritics Service Representative. See [*Diagnostics using the Software on page 9 - 1.*](#)

7. Remove the standards and place them back into the case.

LOAD CALIBRATION FROM FILE

Unit [n] > Calibration > Load from File

Use to load a previously saved calibration file.

It is recommended that the current calibration settings be saved using **Unit [n] > Calibration > Save to File** prior to loading another calibration file. When loading a previously saved calibration file, a backup of the current file is created and saved as *[SN]last.cal*. The backup file is overwritten each time a new one is created.



Changing the calibration may affect the analyzer's performance.

SAVE CALIBRATION TO FILE

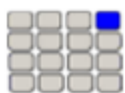
Unit [n] > Calibration > Save to File

Use to save the current calibration settings to a backup file which can later be reloaded using the **Unit [n] > Calibration > Load from File** menu option.

The default file naming convention for calibration files can be used or the file name can be changed. The default file name of 0217-2013-04-25.CAL is interpreted as:

0217	is the analyzer serial number
2013-04-25	is the date the calibration file was saved
.CAL	is the file name extension

CALIBRATE USING THE KEYPAD



Use these instructions for keypad installations only. If a computer will be attached to the module, skip this section. All setup functions will be done in the analysis software application.

The pycnometer volume should be calibrated every time it is restarted. Cell volume and expansion volume in the set up parameters are updated automatically upon calibration. Run an analysis with an empty cup to see how close the average volume is to 0. It should be $\pm 0.05\%$ of full scale. If it is not within $\pm 0.05\%$ of full scale, calibration is required.

If calibrating using the software, see [Calibrate using the Software on page 10 - 1](#)

CALIBRATE FUNCTION

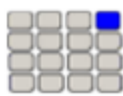
This command performs a full volume slope and offset calibration. Press **ALT + . (decimal)** to access the *Calibrate* function.

Display Text	Description
Calibration Type? Volume	<p>Press CHOICE until the option is displayed, then press ENTER.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volume • Temperature • Pressure • Copy to an external device • Load from an external device • Reset Pressure Calibration

CALIBRATION DATA

Display Text	Description
Setup Type? Calibration Data	Press CHOICE until <i>Calibration Data</i> is displayed, then press ENTER .
Calibration Data Chamber Insert?	<p>Select Yes at the <i>Request insert</i> prompt in <i>Report Options</i>. Press CHOICE until the appropriate insert is displayed, then press ENTER.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None, 0.1 cm³ (for 1 cm³ unit) • None, 3.5 cm³, 1.0 cm³ (for 10 cm³ unit) • None, 35 cm³, 10.0 cm³ (for 100 cm³ unit) • None, 650 cm³, 1300 cm³ (for 2000 cm³ pycnometer)
Calibration Data Cell Volume:	<p>Displays the cell volume determined during calibration. Cell volumes can also be entered at this prompt. Press ENTER.</p> <p>The range is 0.01 to 999.0000 cm³.</p>
Calibration Data Expansion Volume:	<p>Displays the expansion volume determined during calibration. Press ENTER.</p> <p>The range is 0.5 to 999.0000 cm³.</p>

CALIBRATE VOLUME



Use these instructions for keypad installations only. If a computer will be attached to the module, skip this section. All setup functions will be done in the analysis software application.

Place an empty cup into the sample chamber for **Cal1** (volume offset). If using an insert, place the insert and its appropriate sample cup into the sample chamber.

Display Text	Description
Calibration Type? Volume	Press ENTER to accept <i>Volume</i> (default) and display the next prompt.
Calibrate Volume Chamber insert?	<p>Press CHOICE until the appropriate insert is displayed, then press ENTER. Yes must be selected for the <i>Request Insert</i> prompt in <i>Report Options</i> for this prompt to display.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None, 0.1 cm³ (for 1 cm³ unit) • None, 3.5 cm³, 1.0 cm³ (for 10 cm³ unit) • None, 35 cm³, 10.0 cm³ (for 100 cm³ unit) • None, 650 cm³, 1300 cm³ (for 2000 cm³ pycnometer)
Calibrate Volume Volume of Cal Std:	<p>Enter the volume of the calibration standard to be used in the calibration (located on the outside of the calibration standards case). Some pycnometers require and are shipped with multiple standards. In this instance, the value recorded on the case is the sum for all standards and is the one that should be entered at the prompt. Press ENTER.</p> <p>The range is 0.1 to 999.0000 cm³.</p>
Calibrate Volume [ENTER] to start	Press ENTER to begin the calibration or Alt + CLEAR to cancel. The volume offset is calibrated first (Cal1). When the first calibration is complete, the pycnometer beeps three times and the next prompt is displayed.

Display Text	Description
Insert Cal Std [ENTER] to start	<p>Place the calibration standard in the cup in the sample cell chamber and replace the chamber cap. Press ENTER to calibrate the volume (Cal2). Calibration continues and operational status messages are continually displayed. After the operation is complete, the pycnometer returns to the <i>Reload</i> prompt.</p> <p>For best results, sample volume should be approximately equal to the volume of the calibration standard. Therefore, if calibrating the 10 cm³ pycnometer for use with smaller sample volumes, use only one standard. If using one standard, enter half of the value at the <i>Volume of cal std</i> prompt. Press Alt + CLEAR to cancel the operation.</p>

RESET PRESSURE CALIBRATION



Contact a Micromeritics Service Representative and schedule a proper pressure calibration since data accuracy may be compromised.

This option can be used when the pressure is suspected of not being reported correctly by the analyzer. For example: a zero, negative, or unreasonably high reading is being consistently reported. Resetting to nominal may restore normal pressure readings but a proper calibration should be performed.

Display Text	Description
Calibration Type? Reset Pressure Cal	Press CHOICE until the desired option is displayed, then press ENTER .
Reset Pressure cal? [Yes / No]	<p>Resets the pressure calibration to nominal values. Temperature and volume calibrations are not affected. Nominal values may be sufficient. Schedule a proper pressure calibration as soon as possible, then press CHOICE.</p> <p>Select Yes to reset the calibration to nominal values. Press ENTER.</p> <p>Select No to contact your Service Representative to schedule a proper pressure calibration. Press ENTER.</p>

REVIEW CALIBRATION

The *Review* function reviews the results of the last calibration operation.

The sample cell volume and the expansion cell volume are used for calculating the sample volume. The cell volume and expansion volume are updated automatically when the pycnometer is calibrated.

The prompts that display during a review of calibration data depend on the options specified in *Setup > Analysis Parameters* and *Report Options*.

1. Press **Alt + 5** to display the *Chamber Insert* prompt from which the insert can be selected (if used).
2. Press **ENTER** to display the volume of the calibration standard. This volume can be edited from this prompt.
3. Press **ENTER** to display the *Which Chamber* prompt.
4. Press **CHOICE** to select whether to view the results for the sample chamber or the expansion chamber.
5. Press **ENTER** to display a prompt showing the starting time and date.
6. Press **ENTER** to display a prompt showing the ending time and date.
7. Press **ENTER** to display the first of the prompts containing data. The *[n]* in this example represents the cycle number.

Unit[n]	SN1234	10 cm ³
	X - X - X	
Cell [n] = (volume)		
Dev [n] = (deviation)		

8. Continue pressing **ENTER** to view all of the data. Press **CHOICE** to exclude data from report calculations. An asterisk will display indicating that it will be excluded.
9. Press **SAVE** to return to the *Reload* prompt.
10. Press **Alt + 6** to print report results.

Display Text	Description
Chamber insert? (insert)	<p>Displays the insert selected for the calibration or <i>None</i> if an insert was not used. If the selection is incorrect, press CHOICE until the correct one is shown, then press ENTER.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None, 0.1 cm³ (for 1 cm³ unit) • None, 3.5 cm³, 1.0 cm³ (for 10 cm³ unit) • None, 35 cm³, 10.0 cm³ (for 100 cm³ unit) • None, 650 cm³, 1300 cm³ (for 2000 cm³ pycnometer)

Display Text	Description
Volume of Cal Std: (volume)	Displays the volume of the calibration standard that was used for the calibration. Press ENTER .
Which Chamber? (chamber type)	<p>Select to view calibration data for the sample cell chamber or the expansion chamber. Press CHOICE until the chamber is displayed, then press ENTER.</p> <p>The chamber type options are <i>Cell volume</i> and <i>Expansion volume</i>.</p>
Start: (time) (date)	<p>Displays the time and date the calibration began. Press ENTER.</p> <p>Time: HH:MM:SS Date: DD/MM/YY</p>
End: (time) (date)	<p>Displays the time and date the calibration completed. Press ENTER.</p> <p>Time: HH:MM:SS Date: DD/MM/YY</p>
Cell[n] = (volume) Dv[n] = (deviations) or Exp[n] = (volume) Dv[n] = (deviations)	<p>Displays the <i>Volume</i>, depending on the chamber type selected (<i>Cell volume</i> or <i>Expansion volume</i>).</p> <p>[n] represents the cycle number.</p> <p>Press CHOICE to exclude the displayed density (or volume) from the calculated average. An asterisk next to the density indicates it has been excluded. Press CHOICE again to remove the asterisk and have it included.</p> <p>Each time CHOICE is pressed to exclude or include the value. A new deviation is calculated and displayed.</p> <p>Press ENTER to view the values for the next cycle.</p> <p>Press SAVE to return to the <i>Reload</i> prompt. Press SAVE to automatically recalculate collected data and add all data reduction messages back into the queue.</p>

TEMPERATURE

This operation typically is performed by a Micromeritics Service Representative.

Press **Alt + .**, then press **CHOICE** until *Temperature* is displayed.

Display Text	Description
Calibrate Temperature Temperature:	Enter the temperature obtained from a reference temperature sensor. Press ENTER to automatically return to the <i>Reload</i> prompt. Press ALT + CLEAR to cancel the operation.

ZERO THE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER & CHAMBER VOLUME

The pressure transducer zeroes automatically before each cycle in an analysis or calibration; therefore, it is not necessary to zero the unit for these operations. Typically, this function is not required unless manually performing analyses for an extended period of time.

Press **Alt + 0** to access the Zero function.

Display Text	Description
Zero Type? Pressure	Allows zeroing of the pressure transducer or the volume offset. Press CHOICE until the option is displayed, then press ENTER . If choosing <i>Pressure</i> , the next prompt is not displayed. Choices are <i>Pressure</i> and <i>Volume</i> . Ensure the sample chamber is empty if selecting <i>Volume</i> .
Zero Volume? Chamber insert? None <i>Does not display for Pressure</i>	Displays when <i>Volume</i> is selected. Select Yes at the <i>Request insert</i> prompt in <i>Report Options</i> . Press CHOICE until the appropriate insert is displayed, then press ENTER . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None, 0.1 cm³ (for 1 cm³ unit) • None, 3.5 cm³, 1.0 cm³ (for 10 cm³ unit) • None, 35 cm³, 10.0 cm³ (for 100 cm³ unit) • None, 650 cm³, 1300 cm³ (for 2000 cm³ pycnometer)
Zero Volume [ENTER] to start [ESCAPE] to cancel or Zero Pressure [ENTER] to start [ESCAPE] to cancel	Press ENTER to begin the zero operation or Alt + CLEAR to cancel the operation. If zeroing the <i>Volume</i> , the purges and cycles specified in the current analysis parameters are used to calculate the volume offset. After the operation is complete, the pycnometer returns to the <i>Reload</i> prompt.

LOAD CALIBRATION DATA FROM A USB STICK

Display Text	Description
Calibration Type? Load from USB Stick	Press CHOICE until the option is displayed. Press ENTER .
Insert USB stick and press [ENTER]	Insert the USB device into the USB connector on the rear panel of the unit. Press ENTER .
Local cal for SN:	Key in the serial number. Press ENTER .
Calibration for SN (nnnn) copied	Display the unit for which calibration information has been copied.
Remove USB stick	Remove the USB stick. The system automatically returns to the <i>Reload</i> prompt. This prompt appears immediately after the <i>Calibration for SN</i> prompt.

COPY CALIBRATION DATA TO A USB STICK

Display Text	Description
Calibration Type? Copy to USB Stick	Press CHOICE until the option is displayed. Press ENTER .
Insert USB stick and press [ENTER]	Insert the USB device into the USB connector on the rear panel of the unit. Wait a few seconds, then press ENTER .
Calibration for SN (nnnn) copied	Display the unit for which calibration information has been copied.
Remove USB stick	Remove the USB stick. The <i>Reload</i> prompt displays. This prompt appears immediately after the <i>Calibration for SN</i> prompt.

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11 HARDWARE

ADD ANALYSIS MODULE TO CONTROL MODULE

Additional analysis modules provide the ability to increase productivity and/or provide a means for analyzing different size samples concurrently. Multiple analysis modules can be connected to an integrated controller / analysis module.

If connecting to a temperature controlled unit, see [Add Analysis Modules to a Temperature Controlled Module on page H - 2](#).

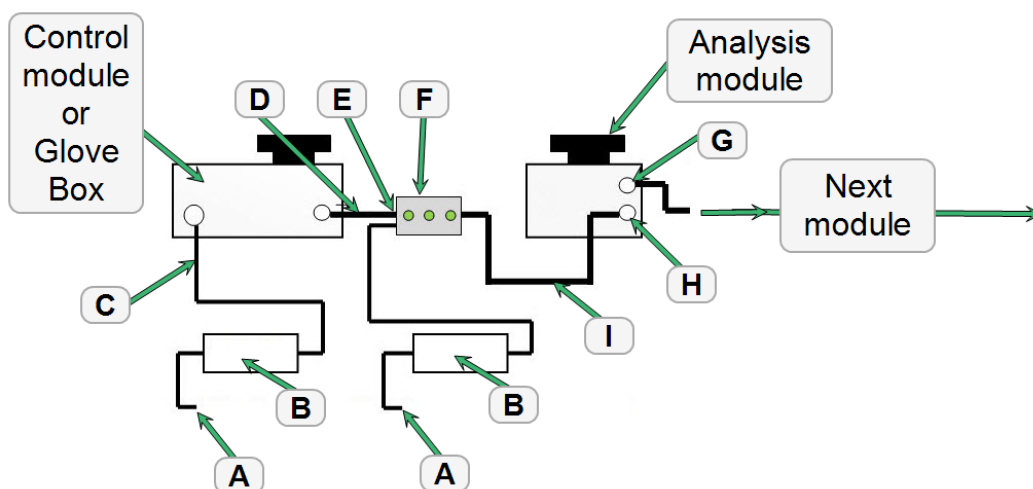


Diagram Components

Component	Description
A	Separate power cord for external power supply. Connect cable to wall outlet.
B	External power supply.
C	Hardwired 8 pin mini-DIN power cable for external power supply.
D	8 pin mini DIN cable.
E	Power adapter DIN port.
F	Power adapter.
G	Module Connection - 8 pin mini-DIN OUT port to connect next analysis module.
H	Module Connection - 8 pin mini-DIN IN port to connect the control module or previously connected analysis module (not shown).
I	Hardwired power mini DIN cable for power adapter.



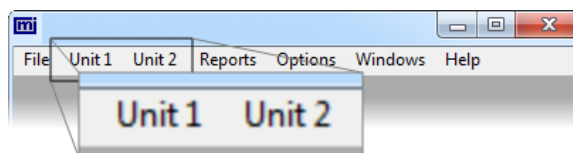
Exit the application before powering off the analyzer.



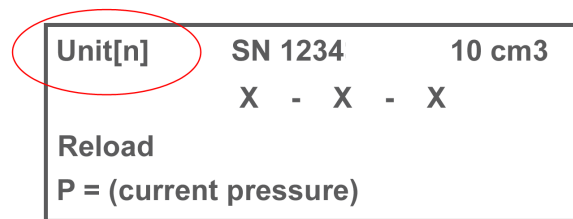
If installing an external TEC module, it is suggested that the TEC system be installed first, to allow time for temperature to stabilize at the desired temperature, while the AccuPyc is being installed. The TEC module has a separate power cord and external power supply.

1. Power OFF the control module.
2. Connect one external power supply cable to the back of the new unit and another external power supply cable to each power adapter.
3. Connect a power cable to each external power supply.
4. Attach one end of the DIN cable (provided in the module accessories kit) to the connector labeled *Module Connection* on the back of the new unit.
5. Attach the other end of the DIN cable to the separate power adapter.
6. Attach the hardwired power adapter cable to the lower connector labeled *Module Connection* on the back of the analysis module.
7. Plug the external power supply cables into electrical wall outlets.
8. Power ON the control module. If running the application software, start the application.
9. Verify the unit is recognized:

- If running the application software, *Unit [n]* menus are added to the menu bar for each analysis module connected.



- If using the keypad for analysis, press **Alt + CHOICE + 2** to access the additional analysis module. *Unit [n]* appears in the upper left corner of the display.



10. Calibrate the pycnometer. See [Calibrate Using the Keypad on page 10 - 15](#) or [Calibrate using the Software on page 10 - 1](#).

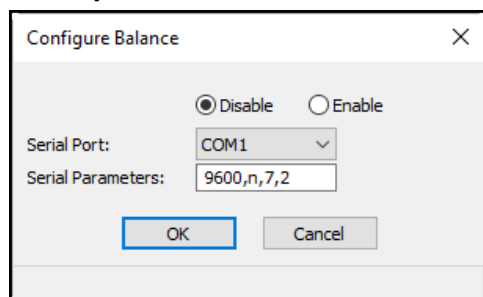
ANALYTICAL BALANCE

The analytical balance tested by Micromeritics is Scientec model #ZSA120.



An analytical balance can be connected to a serial port on the computer and used to transfer the sample's mass directly to the AccuPyc II application.

1. Connect the analytical balance to the RS232 port on the rear panel of the analyzer.
2. Go to **Options > Configure Balance** to connect and set up an RS232 balance to the analyzer.



Configure Balance

Field or Button	Description
Enable / Disable	Select to enable or disable the attached balance.
Serial Parameter	Used to set the baud rate, parity, data bits, and stop bits. This field should not require modification from the default values.
Serial Port	Select which serial port is used to connect the balance to the analyzer.

BRIGHTNESS CONTROL



To adjust the display brightness:

1. Insert a small flat head screwdriver into the opening.
2. Rotate the screwdriver until it engages in the slot, then turn clockwise to darken and counterclockwise to lighten.

HANDLING SYSTEM COMPONENTS

CALIBRATION STANDARD

- Wear latex or nitrile, powder-free gloves to prevent transfer of oil from hands.
- Do not drop the standard into the sample cup. Roll the standard into the cup to prevent damage.
- Always return the standards to the case. Standards are unit specific.

SAMPLE CHAMBER CAP

- Wear latex or nitrile, powder-free gloves to prevent transfer of oil from hands.
- Keep the cap on the sample chamber except when inserting or removing the sample cup .



When left uncapped, the sample chamber temperature may become unstable and/or water vapor will adsorb on the inner surface of the chamber. Either of these conditions can affect analysis results.

- Avoid laying the chamber cap on a work surface. Debris may collect on the greased surface of the O-ring which can also affect analysis results.
- When multiple analysis modules are connected, never interchange sample chamber caps. Caps are unit specific.

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12 TROUBLESHOOTING AND TROUBLESHOOTING

The analyzer has been designed to provide efficient and continuous service; however, certain maintenance procedures should be followed to obtain the best results over the longest period of time. When unexpected results occur, some common operational problems not indicated on the window and their respective causes and solutions are provided:

Log in to your [customer portal](#) to access error messages. Parts and accessories can be found online at www.Micromeritics.com.

Power indicator did not illuminate when analyzer was powered ON.

Cause A: Power or DIN cables not fully inserted.

Action A: Verify cable connections and connect any loose cable ends into proper outlets.

Cause B: No power at outlet.

Action B: Test the outlet. If there is no power, contact electrician.

Cause C: Plug prongs bent so that contact not made at outlet.

Action C: Unplug the power cable and re-plug into outlet. If indicator does not illuminate, have electrician adjust prongs or replace outlet or plug.

Cause D: Power cord damaged.

Action D: Have electrician check cord using test meter. Replace if defective.

Cause E: Loose internal connection, broken wire, or failure of internal power supply.

Action E: Contact a Micromeritics Service Representative for repair or replacement information.

Specified pressure not reached or maintained.

Cause A: Chamber cap not properly closed.

Action A: Close chamber cap by turning fully clockwise.

Cause B: Chamber cap contains dust or debris or the O-ring is not properly greased.

Action B: Using a lint free tissue, clean the chamber cap and the rim of the cell chamber. Lightly grease the chamber cap O-ring. See [Chamber Cap O-Ring on page 12 - 3](#).

Cause C: The chamber cap O-ring is not properly seated.

Action C: Check the chamber cap. Ensure that the O-ring is properly seated and that it contains no scratches or cuts.

Cause D: The chamber cap O-ring is cut or scratched.

- Action D:* Replace the O-ring in the chamber cap. See [Chamber Cap O-Ring on the facing page](#).
- Cause E:* Gas leaks in the cell chamber or expansion chamber.
- Action E:* Check the pycnometer for leaks. See [Check the Cell and Expansion Chambers for Leaks on page 12 - 5](#).
- Cause F:* The helium tank is low on gas or empty. Tank pressure should be at least 200 psi above regulator pressure.
- Action F:* Check tank. Minimum recommended pressure is 200 psig above regulator pressure. See [Regulator Pressure on page 12 - 12](#).
- Cause G:* The shutoff valve on the gas cylinder is closed.
- Action G:* Ensure that the valve is open.
- Cause H:* The Zero offset (of pressure transducer) is too low.
- Action H:* Check offset by opening chamber cap. If pressure is negative (displayed on instrument schematic), run a new zero offset. See [Zero the Pressure Transducer & Chamber Volume on page 10 - 22](#).
- Cause I:* Dust filter on 2000 cm³ unit is clogged or leaking to atmosphere.
- Action I:* Clean the dust filter. See [Clean the Dust Filter on page 12 - 7](#).

Helium drained from tank.

- Cause A:* Leaks in the gas line connection.
- Action A:* Pressurize the system. Close, then open the gas cylinder shutoff valve. If the needle on the pressure gauge falls abruptly, a leak in the gas line connections may be indicated. Check all gas line connections.
- Cause B:* Pycnometer was left in Manual mode with all the valves open or the fill valve open and chamber cap off.
- Action B:* Close all valves, then attach a new tank of helium.

Unit will not equilibrate, or results are not reproducible.

- Cause A:* Sample outgassing.
- Action A:* Prior to analysis, remove moisture and contaminants from the sample. See [Prepare and Load a Sample on page 6 - 1](#).
- Cause B:* Dust filter on 2000 cm³ unit is clogged or leaking to atmosphere.
- Action B:* Clean the dust filter. See [Clean the Dust Filter on page 12 - 7](#).

Cause C: Defective cap O-ring.

Action C: Check cap O-ring for defects. Regrease or replace the O-ring, if necessary.

Cause D: Debris on valves.

Action D: With manual mode enabled and with the cap installed, open all valves. With helium flowing through the pycnometer, open and close the expansion valve repeatedly for approximately one minute. This will remove sample contamination, which may cause a leak, from the valve seat. Repeat the process for the vent valve with the inlet and expansion valves open.

CHAMBER CAP O-RING

The cell chamber cap contains an O-ring that requires routine maintenance. The chamber cap O-ring should be greased at the beginning of each period of use.

Fine fibers and particles between the O-ring and its sealing surfaces can cause leaks, as can scratches or cuts in the O-ring or in the metal surfaces.

GREASE THE CHAMBER CAP O-RING

1. Turn the chamber cap counter-clockwise and lift it from the chamber.
2. Place the chamber cap on a clean surface with the O-ring side exposed.
3. Use a small drop of Dow Corning high vacuum grease (or equivalent).
4. Distribute the grease evenly and completely around the O-ring groove.



5. Replace the chamber cap.
6. If recalibrating the pycnometer, allow the pycnometer to warm up for 30 minutes before calibrating.

REPLACE THE CHAMBER CAP O-RING

1. Use a pointed tool and carefully remove the O-ring from its groove in the cap. A small niche is provided at the groove for placement of the tool.



Do not scratch the metal surface of the chamber cap. Scratches could result in an imperfect seal.

2. Clean the groove in the chamber cap using a small brush or lint-free tissue moistened with isopropyl alcohol.
3. Allow the chamber cap to dry thoroughly.
4. Use a small drop of Dow Corning high vacuum grease (or equivalent).
5. Grasp the O-ring with the two greased fingers. Distribute the grease evenly and completely around the O-ring.



Apply the grease sparingly. Too much grease may alter cell volume while too little grease results in an imperfect seal and leaks.

6. Place the O-ring back into the groove on the cap and, with the greased index finger, gently press it back into position.
7. Ensure the O-ring groove is properly greased. See [Grease the Chamber Cap O-Ring on the previous page](#).
8. Replace the chamber cap.

CHECK THE CELL AND EXPANSION CHAMBERS FOR LEAKS

This procedure should be performed in a temperature-stable environment after the pycnometer has been allowed to warm for at least two hours. Before performing this procedure, check the chamber cap to ensure that it is not the source of leaks. It should be free from particles, the O-ring should be properly seated, and should not contain excessive grease.

CHECK FOR LEAKS USING THE SOFTWARE



Before performing this procedure, check the chamber cap to ensure that it is not the source of leaks. It should be free from particles, the O-ring should be properly seated, and it should not contain excessive grease.

Unit [n] > Diagnostics



See:

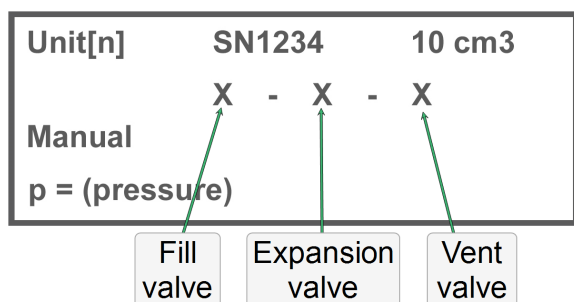
[Diagnostics using the Software on page 9 - 1](#)

CHECK FOR LEAKS USING THE KEYPAD



Before performing this procedure, check the chamber cap to ensure that it is not the source of leaks. It should be free from particles, the O-ring should be properly seated, and it should not contain excessive grease.

Check the cell and expansion chambers for leaks.



1. Allow the pycnometer to equilibrate thermally in a room with a stable temperature.
2. Press **Alt + 1** to enter Manual mode.

3. If the system was previously open, manually purge the system before proceeding:
 - a. Press **8** to open the *Expansion* valve and **9** to close the *Vent* valve; **X - O - X**.
 - b. Press **7** to open the *Fill* valve. Once the sample chamber fills to the appropriate pressure, press **7** to close the *Fill* valve.
 - c. Press **9** to open the *Vent* valve; **X - O - O**.
 - d. Repeat this procedure two or three times.
 - e. Press **8** to close the *Expansion* valve; **X - X - O**.
4. Press **7** to open the *Fill* valve; **O - X - O**.
5. Fill the sample chamber to 19.5 psig.
6. Press **7** to close the *Fill* valve; **X - X - O**.
7. Observe the pressure display. After an equilibration period (about 20 to 30 seconds), the pressure should not decrease more than 0.007 psig (0.048 kPag) or increase more than 0.02 psig (0.14 kPag) in a two minute span.
 - If the pressure does not decrease more than 0.007 psig (0.048 kPag) or increase more than 0.02 psig (0.14 kPag) in a two minute span, proceed to step 8.
 - If the pressure decreases more than 0.007 psig (0.048 kPag) or increases more than 0.02 psig (0.14 kPag) in a two minute span, temperature instability or a leak may be indicated. Vent the system, then repeat steps 4 through 7 several times to verify that a leak is indicated. If a leak is indicated, call a Micromeritics Service Representative.
8. Press **9** to close the *Vent* valve, **8** to open the *Expansion* valve, and **7** to open the *Fill* valve; **O - O - X**.
9. Fill the chambers to 19.5 psig.
10. Press **7** to close the *Fill* valve; **X - O - X**.
11. Observe the pressure display. After an equilibration period (about 20 to 30 seconds), the pressure should not decrease more than 0.007 psig (0.048 kPag) or increase more than 0.02 psig (0.14 kPag) in a two minute span.

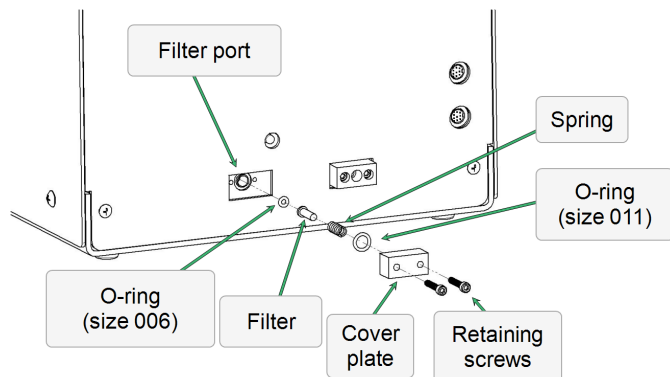
If the pressure decreases more than 0.007 psig (0.048 kPag) or increases more than 0.02 psig (0.14 kPag) in a two minute span, temperature instability or a leak may be indicated. Vent the system, then repeat steps 8 through 11 several times to verify that a leak is indicated. If a leak is indicated, call a Micromeritics Service Representative.

CLEAN THE DUST FILTER



Applicable only to 2000 cm³ units and 100 cm³ high pressure units.

Dust from the sample may be carried into the instrument plumbing. A dust filter protects the valves, minimizing valve leaks.



1. Press **Alt+1** to enter Manual mode.
2. Close the *Fill* valve. Open the *Expansion* and *Vent* valves to ensure that the system is not under pressure.
3. At the lower rear of the instrument, remove the two screws which hold the dust filter cover and remove the cover plate.
4. Remove the spring and the filter. Remove the small O-ring inside the filter port.
5. Clean all parts with alcohol. The filter may require sonication to dislodge dust. It should be replaced if it becomes severely clogged.
6. Inspect the O-rings before re-assembly. A very thin coating of vacuum grease may be used.
7. Re-assemble.
8. Check for leaks:
 - a. Fill the system with gas.
 - b. Open *Expansion* valve.
 - c. Check for leaks by applying a leak detecting liquid around the dust filter cover.

CLEAN THE PYCNOMETER

The exterior casing of the pycnometer may be cleaned using a clean cloth, dampened with isopropyl alcohol (IPA), a mild detergent solution, or a 3% hydrogen peroxide solution.



Do not immerse the pycnometer or the power cord in any liquids. Doing so could result in electrical shock to personnel or damage to the unit.

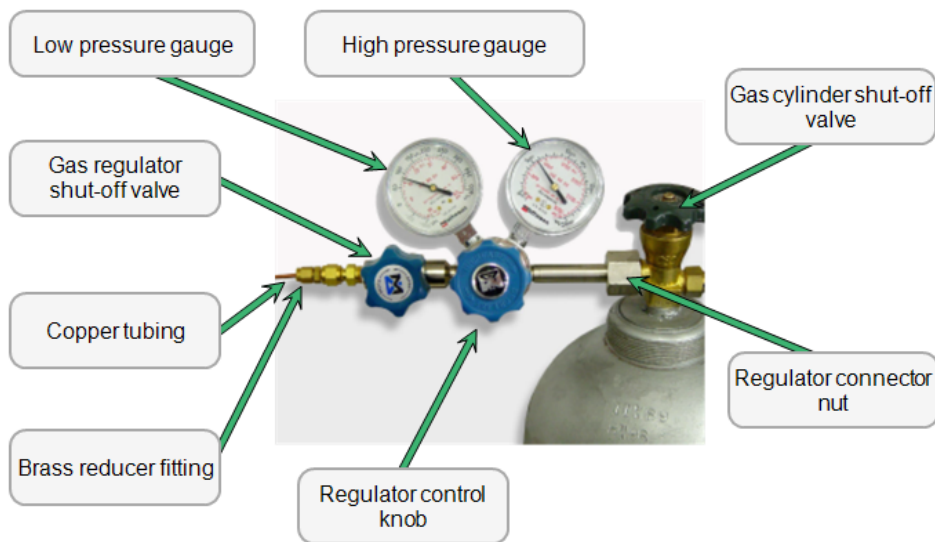


Do not allow liquid to penetrate the casing of the pycnometer. Doing so could result in damage to the unit.

GUIDELINES FOR CONNECTING GASES

- Place gas cylinders within 6 feet (2 m) of the gas inlets of the analyzer. Using gas line extenders on gas cylinders located in remote areas may degrade gas quality and reduce pressure. Gas lines are typically five to six feet long. Place the cylinders close enough to allow for proper connection at the analyzer inlet.
- Use a retaining strap (or other appropriate tether) to secure the gas cylinder.
- Always use the gas lines provided with the analyzer. It is very important that proper gas lines are used with the analyzer.
 - **Do not use** polymer tubing for the gas line.
 - **Do not use** flexible gas lines. Some flexible lines may appear to be appropriate, such as those with a herringbone covering, but the line may be coated internally with a polymer.
- Long gas lines, such as those used with gas cylinders placed in remote areas, must be evacuated for an extended period of time to remove ambient gases. When possible, avoid placing gas cylinders in remote locations. It is always best to have gas cylinders located near the analyzer.
- Carefully route the gas lines from the cylinder to the analyzer avoiding overlapping or entangling gas lines. This will help avoid confusion when maintenance is required.
- Label the gas line at the analyzer inlet for proper identification and maintenance.
- Replace gas cylinders before gas is depleted. It is best to replace a gas cylinder when the pressure reads approximately 500 psi (3500 kPa) on the high pressure gauge. Contaminants absorbed to the walls of the cylinder will desorb as the pressure decreases.
- Ensure the gas cylinder is closed before connecting to the analyzer.

REPLACE A GAS CYLINDER



Disconnect a Depleted Gas Cylinder

1. Close the regulator shut-off valve and gas cylinder shut-off valve by turning the knobs clockwise.
2. Disconnect the gas line from the regulator. Gas will be vented from the line. It is not necessary to disconnect the gas line from the analyzer inlet if the cylinder will be replaced immediately with one of the same type.
3. Open the gas regulator shut-off valve by turning the knob counter-clockwise. Gas will be vented from the regulator.
4. Turn the regulator control knob clockwise to open and vent any remaining gas. Both gauges should read at or near zero. If not, make sure the gas regulator shut-off valve is open.
5. Close the regulator by turning the control knob counter-clockwise.
6. Use an appropriate wrench to loosen the nut at the regulator connector nut then remove the regulator from the cylinder.
7. Replace the protective cap on the depleted cylinder. Disconnect the retaining strap and move the cylinder to an appropriate location.

Connect a Gas Cylinder

Regulator Pressure Settings

Analyzer Series	Gauge should indicate
3Flex	15 psig (103 kPag)
AccuPyc	25 psig (172 kPag)
ASAP	15 psig (103 kPag)
AutoChem	15-18 psig (103 - 124 kPag)
AutoPore	50-60psig (345 - 404 kPag)
Gemini	15-18 psig (103 - 124 kPag)
MIC SAS II	15-20 psig (103-138 kPag)
TriStar	15-18 psig (103 - 124 kPag)



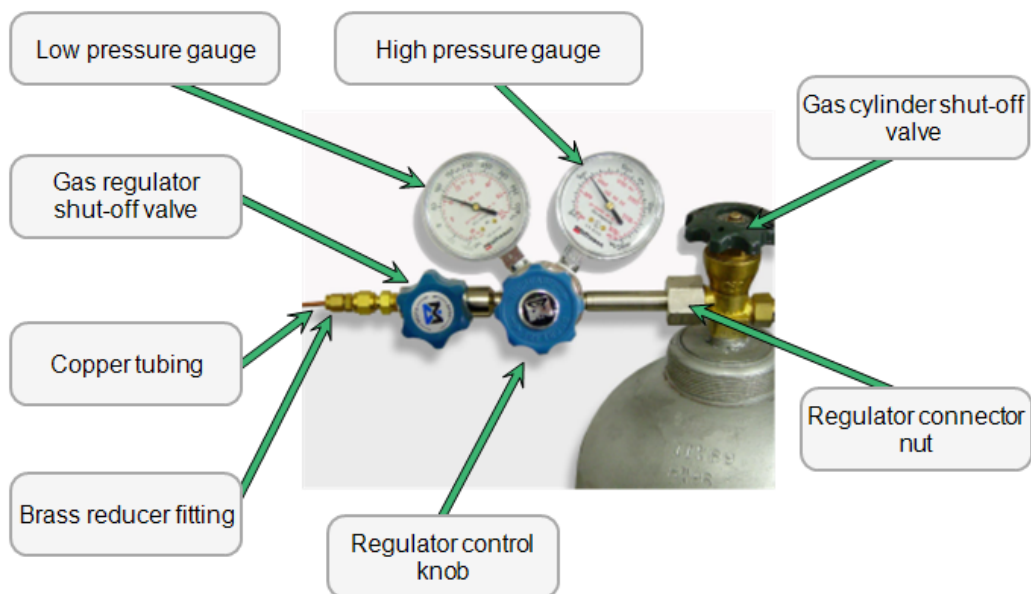
Exceeding the maximum recommended air pressure could cause personal injury or damage the instrument.

REGULATOR PRESSURE



Tank pressure should be at least 200 psi above regulator pressure. Pressures less than 200 psig indicate the tank is low on gas. Analyses are terminated automatically if gas is depleted.

For a high pressure sample chamber configuration, set regulator pressure 20 psi above cycle and fill pressure.



SET REGULATOR PRESSURE WITH THE SOFTWARE

The *Purge fill* and *Cycle fill* pressures are specified in *Analysis Conditions*. Set the regulator pressure at the higher of the two, plus 2.0 psig. For example; if the *Purge fill* pressure is set to 19.500 psig (134.445 kPag) and the *Cycle fill* pressure as 19.000 psig (131.000 kPag), set the regulator pressure at 21.500 psig (148.237 kPag).

1. Go to **Unit [n] > Enable Manual Control**. Ensure a checkmark displays to the left of the menu item. If the analyzer schematic does not display, go to **Unit [n] > Show Instrument Schematic**.
2. On the schematic, right click the *Expansion* and *Vent* valves and select *Open* for both. Then open the *Fill* valve.
3. Adjust the regulator pressure control knob until the *Purge fill* or *Cycle fill* pressure, whichever is higher, is shown on the regulator display. Tank pressure should be at least 200 psi above regulator pressure.
4. On the schematic, close the *Fill* valve, then increase the regulator pressure by 2.0 psig (13.8 kPag).
5. Allow the pressure in the pycnometer to drop below 2.0 psig, then close the *Expansion* and *Vent* valves.

SET REGULATOR PRESSURE WITH THE KEYPAD

The *Purge fill* pressure and *cycle fill* pressure are specified using *Setup > Analysis Parameters*. Set the regulator pressure at the higher of the two (plus 2.0 psig). For example; if the *purge fill* pressure is specified as 19.500 psig and the *cycle fill* pressure as 19.000 psig, then set the regulator pressure at 21.500 psig.

1. Press **Alt + 1** to enter Manual mode.
2. Press **8 (EXPAND)** and **9 (VENT)** to open the expansion and vent valves; the display will show: **X - O - O**
3. Press **7 (FILL)** to open the *fill* valve; the display will show: **O - O - O**
4. Adjust the regulator pressure control knob until the *Purge fill* or *Cycle fill* pressure, whichever is higher, is shown on the regulator display.
5. Press **7** to close the *Fill* valve, then increase the regulator valve by 2.0 psig. The display will show: **X - O - O**.
6. Allow the pressure in the pycnometer to drop below 2.0 psig, then press **8** and **9** to close the *Expansion* and *Vent* valves. The display will show: **X - X - X**
7. Press **SAVE** to return to the *Reload* prompt.

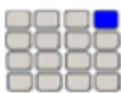
RECOVER FROM A POWER FAILURE

Setup parameters and collected data are recorded by the pycnometer in case of a power failure. These settings will be available when power is restored. If an automatic operation was in progress when the power failure occurred, it will be canceled when the pycnometer restarts.



Even though the pycnometer saves data during a power failure, any operation should be restarted to ensure complete results.

RESET THE PYCNOMETER



Use these instructions for keypad installations only. If a computer will be attached to the module, skip this section. All setup functions will be done in the analysis software application.

There are two ways to reset the Pycnometer.

- Hold the . key on the keypad during power ON. This erases data and setup parameters except for printer and network settings.
- Hold **5** on keypad during power ON. This resets setup parameters, as well as printers and network settings.

POWER INSTRUMENT ON AND OFF



Do not power off the analyzer while initialization is in progress. Doing so may damage the instrument.



It is important that a constant temperature be maintained inside the unit because a change in temperature could alter analysis results. We recommend that the pycnometer remain powered on at all times to maintain thermal stability.

When the analyzer is powered on, after a few seconds, the system vents automatically and the green indicator light on the front panel illuminates. Allow approximately 30 minutes for the analyzer to warm before performing analyses. For analyses that require very precise results, allow the analyzer to warm a minimum of two hours. If running the analyzer with a computer:

Power ON the equipment in the following order:

If running the analyzer with a computer:

1. Computer
2. Monitor
3. Printer
4. Analyzer

If running the analyzer without a computer:

1. Analyzer

Power OFF the equipment in the following order:

If running the analyzer with a computer:

1. Analyzer. Allow any analyses in progress to complete prior to powering off.
2. Exit the analysis program. Failure to do so could result in loss of data.
3. Computer
4. Monitor
5. Printer

If running the analyzer without a computer:

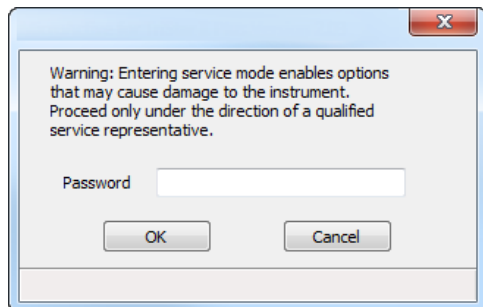
1. Allow any analyses in progress to complete prior to powering off the analyzer.
2. Printer
3. Analyzer

SERVICE TEST MODE

Options > Service Test Mode

Service Test Mode is a password protected option used to perform certain service tests with the assistance of a trained Micromeritics Service Representative. This password is supplied by your Micromeritics Service Representative.

If a menu item is grayed out, it is usually an indication that Service Test Mode is required.



To exit Service Test Mode, go to ***Options > Service Test Mode*** and deselect the *Service Test Mode* option or close the application.

A ADVANCED REPORTS - PYTHON MODULE

CFR Note

In a 21CFR11 environment, the Advanced reports feature is applicable to members of the Developer group only.



See also:

[MicModule Python Calls on page A - 11](#)

The mic Python module is automatically imported when running a user supplied script. The module provides access to primary and overlay data and provides support for summary, tabular, and graphical reports.

- **Summary reports.** Consist of summary sections, each containing a two-column table of label and value pairs. Summary reports are created with the *mic.summary* call.
- **Tabular reports.** Consist of one or more tables each containing one or more labeled columns of data. Tabular reports are created with the *mic.table* call.
- **Graphical reports.** Consist of a single graph with one or more curves on one or two y-axes. Graphical reports are created with the *mic.graph* call.

Calls for accessing the sample file data can be found in the *Mic Module Python Calls* section of this appendix. More advanced example python scripts are included in the analyzer software. Application specific discussions can be found on <https://www.micromeritics.com/Pressroom/MicroReport.aspx>



The examples in this topic are also included as a part of the Micromeritics installation process and are located in the *Scripts* sub-directory.

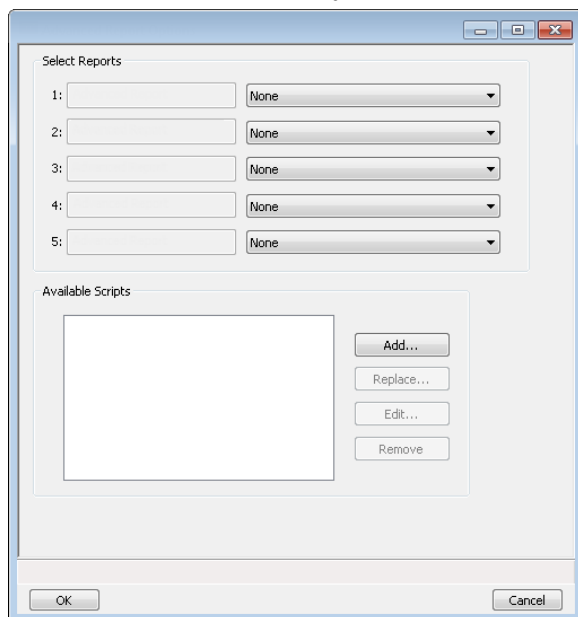
ADVANCED REPORT OPTIONS



AccuPyc 1345 specific example scripts are located in the scripts directory which document the usage of 1345 related python calls.


Up to five Advanced reports, each with up to 10 summary reports, 10 tabular reports, and 10 graphical reports can be created. To use this feature, a file containing a Python script that imports a "mic" Python module must be created. See [MicModule Python Calls on page A - 11](#) for an example of Python script and functions for the "mic" Python module.

1. Create the Python script and save it in the *Scripts* directory.
2. Open a sample file with a *Complete* status.
3. Select *Advanced* in the view selector drop-down list at the bottom of the window to return to the tabbed view.
4. On the *Report Options* tab, select *Advanced Reports* in the *Selected Reports* list box, then click **Edit**.
5. On the *Advanced Report Options* window, click **Add** in the *Available Scripts* group box to locate and select the Python script. Repeat for each script to be added.



6. In the *Selected Reports* group box, click the drop-down arrows to select up to five Python scripts previously added in the *Available Scripts* box.
7. On the *Report Options* tab, click **Preview**. The Python Reports will be included on the tabs across the top portion of the *Reports* window.

Advanced Reports

Field or Button	Description
Advanced Report 1 through 5 <i>[drop-down box]</i>	Use the drop-down lists to select currently-defined functions used to define the report calculations and output.
Available Scripts <i>[group box]</i>	Lists the available reports and provides the option to add, replace, edit, or remove reports.
 For fields and buttons not listed in this table, see Common Fields and Buttons on page 3 - 2.	

SCRIPTS

RUN A SCRIPT

1. Open a sample file with a *Complete* file status.
2. Select *Advanced* in the view selector drop-down list at the bottom of the window.
3. Select the *Report Options* tab.
4. Highlight *Advanced* in the *Reports* list box, then click **Edit**.
5. On the *Advanced Report Options* window, click **Add**. Locate and select one or more python scripts then click **Select**. The selected scripts become a part of the drop-down list in the *Available Scripts* section of the *Advanced Report Options* window.
6. In the *Selected Reports* section, select up to five Advanced reports in the drop-down lists. Use the **Pressures** button to include or exclude available pressures in the report.
7. Click **OK**.
8. Click **Preview** on the *Report Options* tab to view all reports selected in the previous window.

REMOVE A SCRIPT

Select the script in the *Available Scripts* box then click **Remove**. The script is removed from the application however, the original .py text file is not affected.

EDIT A SCRIPT



When a script is added, the code is stored within the application. If the script changes outside of the application, the script file will have to be re-added to the Advanced Report Options window for the changes to take affect.

Field or Button	Description
Add [button]	Adds one or more scripts to the <i>Available Scripts</i> box. The added scripts then become available as options in the <i>Selected Reports</i> section.
Edit [button]	Edits the script stored within the application but does not affect the original .py text file.
Remove [button]	Removes the script from the <i>Available Scripts</i> box but does not affect original .py text file.
Replace [button]	Replaces the contents of the selected script however, the script name remains the same.

PYTHON REPORTS

Graphic Report

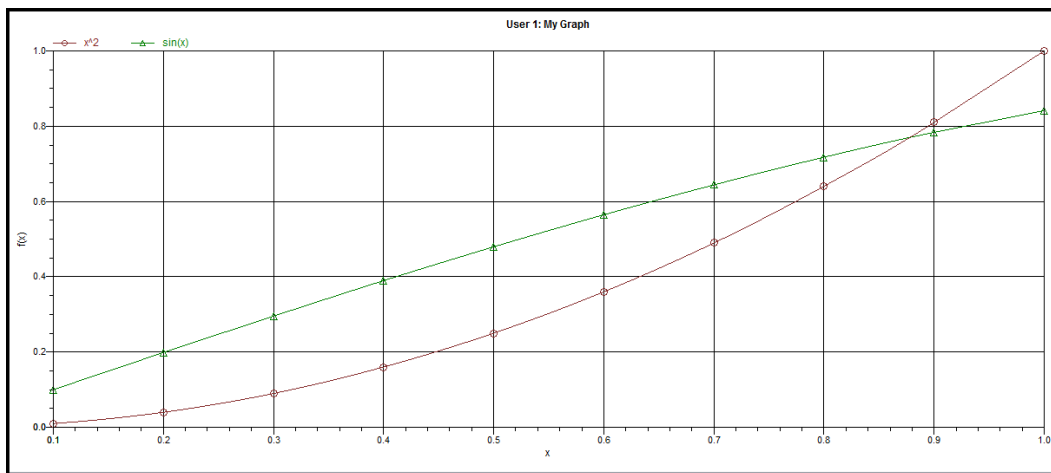
This script is an example of the mic module producing a graph with two curves:

```
import mic
import numpy as np

mic.graph( 'My Graph', 'x', 'f(x)' )

myx = np.array( [0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0 ] )
mic.graph.add( 'x^2', myx, myx*myx, marker='o' )
mic.graph.add( 'sin(x)', myx, np.sin(myx), marker='^' )
```

The results are:



Summary Report

This script produces a summary report with two summaries:

```
import mic
mic.summary( "My Summaries" )

mic.summary.add( "Summary A",
                 ["label 1:", "label 2:", "label 3:"],
                 ["val1", "val2", "val3"] )

mic.summary.add( "Summary B",
                 ["label 4:", "label 5:", "label 6:"],
                 ["val4", "val5", "val6"] )
```

The result is:

<p>Summary A label 1: val1 label 2: val2 label 3: val3</p> <p>Summary B label 4: val4 label 5: val5 label 6: val6</p>

Tabular Report

If more than one column is required, the call *mic.table* is employed. This script produces a tabular report consisting of two tables. **NOTE:** This script uses the Python package "numpy" and c-style formatting of the numerical values.

```
import mic
import numpy as np

mic.table("My Tables")

mic.table.addtable( "My set A" )
mic.table.addcolumn( "x", ["1.0", "2.0", "3.0"] )
mic.table.addcolumn( "y", ["0.5", "1.0", "1.5"] )

x1 = 0.2
x2 = 0.5
x3 = 3.14159/2
mic.table.addtable( "My set B" )
mic.table.addcolumn( "x", ["%8.3f" % x1,
                           "%8.3f" % x2,
                           "%8.3f" % x3 ] )

mic.table.addcolumn( "sin(x)", ["%8.3f" % np.sin(x1),
                                "%8.3f" % np.sin(x2),
                                "%8.3f" % np.sin(x3)] )

mic.table.addcolumn( "cos(x)", ["%8.3f" % np.cos(x1),
                                "%8.3f" % np.cos(x2),
                                "%8.3f" % np.cos(x3)] )
```

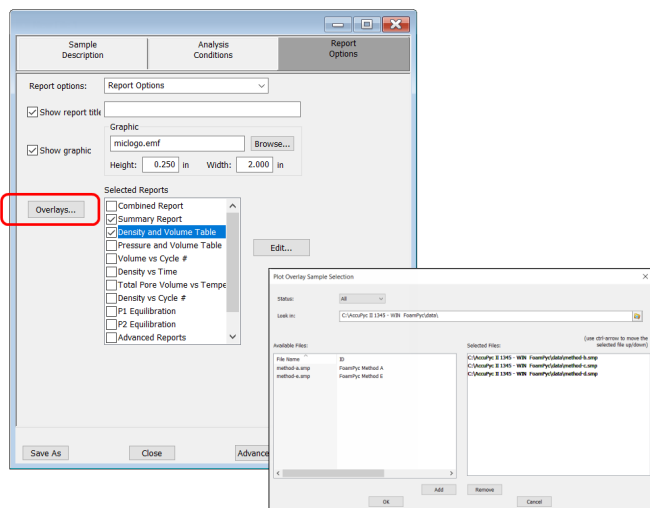
The result is:

My set A		
x	y	
1.0	0.5	
2.0	1.0	
3.0	1.5	

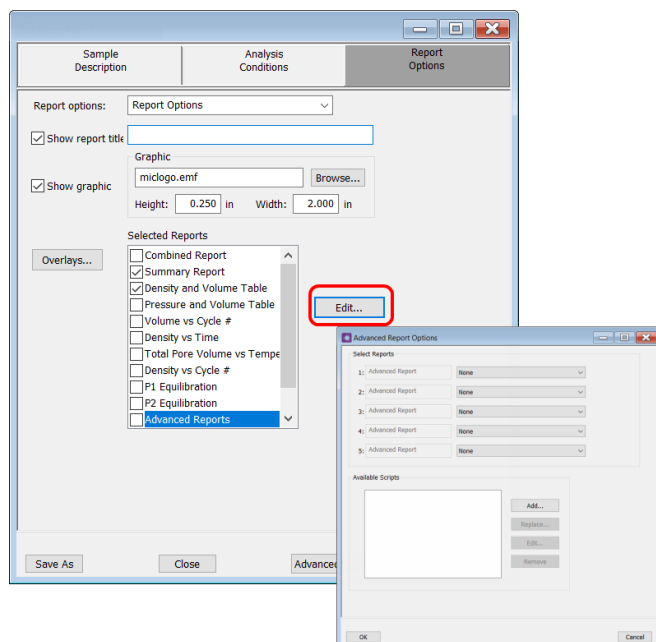
My set B		
x	sin(x)	cos(x)
0.200	0.199	0.980
0.500	0.479	0.878
1.571	1.000	0.000

ENABLE THE USE OF OVERLAY DATA

1. On the *Report Options* tab, click **Overlays**.
2. On the *Plot Overlay Sample Selection* window, to move a file from the *Available Files* list box to the *Selected Files* list box, either double click a file name in the *Available Files* list box or click one or more files in the *Available Files* list box then click **Add**.



3. Click **OK**.
4. On the *Report Options* tab, highlight *Advanced* in the *Selected Reports* list box.
5. Click **Edit** to the left of the *Selected Reports* list box.
6. Select the *Overlay samples* checkbox to the right of the selected report.
7. Click **OK**.
8. Run the script using the instructions found in [Scripts on page A - 4](#).



MicMODULE PYTHON CALLS

Tables

Available Mic Python calls for tables:

- Create a new tabular report
- Add a column
- Add a table

Add a Table

This script adds a table to the last created tabular report:

```
mic.table.addtable( name )
```

Keyword arguments:

```
    name --- the table name
```

Add a Column

This script adds a column to the last created table:

```
mic.table.addcolumn( header, values )
```

Keyword arguments:

```
    header --- column header; must be a string (or convertible)
    values  --- column values; must be a list of strings (or convertible)
```

Create a New Tabular Report

```
mic.table( title='User Table' )
```

Keyword arguments:

```
    title --- the tabular report title (default = 'User Table')
```

Summary Reports



See also:

[*Python Reports on page A - 6*](#)

Add a Summary Section

This script adds a summary section to the last created summary report:

```
mic.summary.add( name, labels, values )
```

Keyword arguments:

```
name    --- summary section name
labels  --- column of labels; must be a list of strings
          (or convertible) and the same length as values
values  --- column of values; must be a list of strings
          (or convertible) and the same length as labels
```

CREATE A NEW SUMMARY REPORT

```
mic.summary( title='User Summary' )
```

Keyword arguments:

```
title --- the summary title
```

Graphic Reports



See also:

[Python Reports on page A - 6](#)

Add a Curve

This script adds a curve to the last created graphical report:

```
mic.graph.add( name, x, y, yyaxis=False, color=None, linestyle='-', marker='a', graphtype='both' )
```

Keyword arguments:

```

name      --- the curve name
x         --- list of x values; must be a list of floats
           (or convertible) and the same length as y
y         --- list of y values; must be a list of floats
           (or convertible) and the same length as x
yyaxis    --- place this curve on the yy-axis if True
           otherwise place on the y-axis (default = False)
color     --- RGB color as an HTML hex string (e.g., '#4169e1')
           or a three-element list or tuple (e.g., [65,105,225]);
           if None, color is automatically selected (default = None)
linestyle --- line style; (default = '-')
           '-'      : solid
           '--'     : dash
           '.'      : dot
           '-.'     : dash dot
           '-..'    : dash dot dot
marker    --- marker shape; (default = 'a')
           '+'      : plus
           'o' or '0' : circle
           'x'      : cross
           '^'      : up triangle
           'v'      : down triangle
           's'      : square
           'd'      : diamond
           '8'      : hourglass
           '~'      : horizontal hourglass
           '' or None : no marker
           'a'      : automatically selected
graphtype --- graph type; (default = 'both')
           'curve' or 'c' : curve
           'points' or 'p' : points

```

```
'both'    or 'b' : curve-and-points
'hist'    or 'h' : histogram
```

Add a Curve Using the Second Y-Axis

This script adds a curve to the last created graphical report using the second y-axis:

```
mic.graph.addyy( name, xx, yy )
```

Add a curve to the last created graphical report using the second y-axis. The arguments to this call are the same as to mic.graph.add with the argument

Create a New Graphical Report

```
mic.graph( title='User Graph', xlabel='X axis', ylabel='Y axis', ylabel='YY axis',
xlinear=True, ylinear=True, yylinear=True )
```

Keyword arguments:

```
title      --- the graphical report title (default = 'User Graph')
xlabel     --- x-axis label (default = 'X axis')
ylabel     --- y-axis label (default = 'Y axis')
ylabel     --- yy-axis label (default = 'YY axis')
xlinear    --- x-axis linear scale; if false, use log scale
            (default = True)
ylinear    --- y-axis linear scale; if false, use log scale
            (default = True)
yylinear   --- yy-axis linear scale; if false, use log scale
            (default = True)
```

Get Sample Information Item

```
mic.sample_information( item, sample_number = 0 )
```

Keyword arguments:

```
item          --- string identifying the item to be returned.
                  Accepted identifiers are

                  'sample mass'
                  'sample description'
                  'analysis temperature' (degrees Kelvin)
                  'sample density'      ( g/cm^3 )

sample_number --- Sample to retrieve (default = 0).
                  0           : the current sample file
                  1 through 8 : the corresponding overlay sample file
```


Usage:

```
mass = sample_information('sample mass')  
mass = sample_information('sample mass', 0)
```

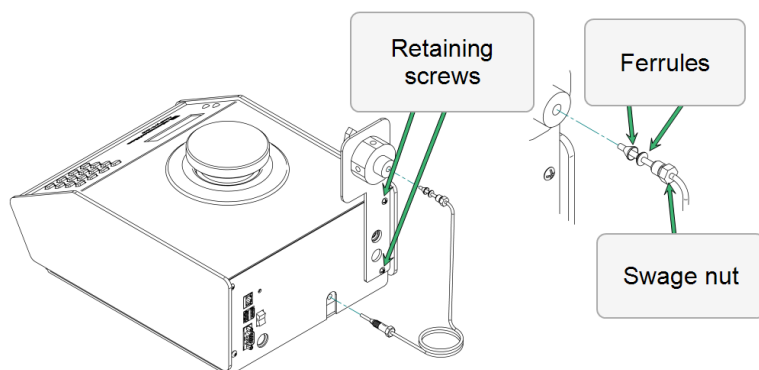
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B MULTIGAS OPTION

The Multigas option enables the AccuPyc to use up to four different gases. The Multigas assembly consists of:

- Valve assembly and two retaining screws
- Gas entrance tubing for connection from the analyzer to the valve assembly
- Gas supply tubing for four gases

INSTALL THE MULTIGAS ASSEMBLY

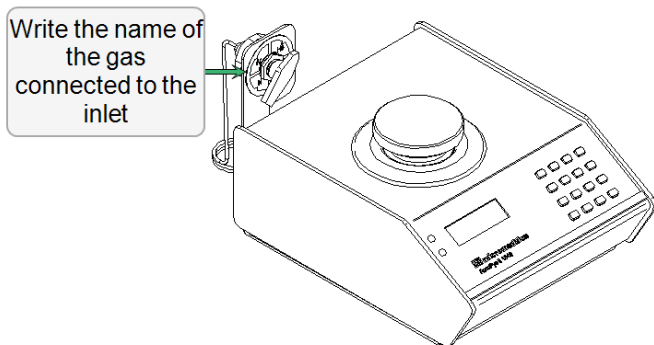


If a gas is attached to the gas inlet on the rear panel of the analyzer, close the gas cylinder valve and remove the inlet tubing from the analyzer before installing the multigas assembly. The gas can then be attached to one of the inlet valves on the assembly.

1. Remove the two retaining screws on the rear panel of the AccuPyc.
2. Position the valve assembly against the rear panel so that the retaining screw holes on the valve assembly align with those on the rear panel of the analyzer.
3. Attach the valve assembly to the rear panel using the two screws included in the multigas kit.
4. Carefully cut and remove the cable ties holding the gas entrance tubing in position and remove the ties.
5. Remove the protective caps from the ends of the gas entrance tubing, then remove the ferrules from the upper end of the tubing.
6. Remove the nut from the center port and slide it onto the end of the gas entrance tubing, then replace the front and rear ferrules.
7. Insert the tubing into the center port of the multigas assembly. Use the nut to secure the tubing to the assembly.
8. Insert the other end of the tubing into the gas inlet. Use the self contained swage nut to secure the tubing to the inlet.

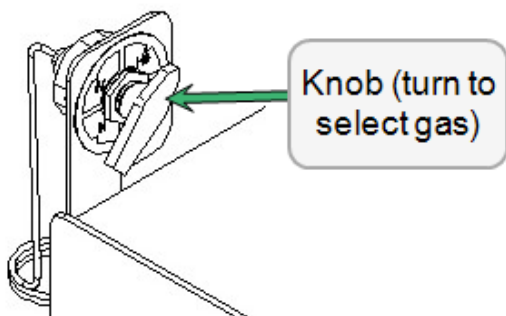
CONNECT GASES

1. Connect one end of the gas supply tubing to the gas supply. See [Instrument Components on page 1 - 5](#).
2. Insert the other end of the tubing into one of the valve inlets on the multigas assembly.
3. The faceplate of the valve assembly contains four sections; one for each gas inlet on the assembly. Write the name of the gas in the applicable section.



SELECT GASES

After installing the gases, use the knob to select the gas. Purge the gas lines when changing gases.



C EXPORTED DATA EXAMPLE

Sample Information

Sample Information
Method: Default
Sample: Pt-Alumina
Operator: ELV
Submitter:
Mass type: Entered
Sample mass: 6.3067 g
Density: 1.000 g/cm³
Type of data: Automatically collected
Instrument type: 1345
Original instrument type: 1345
Comments: 004/16825/00
Lot SE13378-4
Sample Cup Properties
Description: Sample Cup Properties
Cup mass: 0.0000 g
Cup density: 2.7000 g/cm³
Material Properties
Envelope density: 1.0000 g/cm³
Liquid density: 1.0000 g/cm³
Solids density: 1.0000 g/cm³

Analysis Conditions

Analysis conditions:
Description: Analysis Conditions
Analysis gas: Helium
Number of purges: 10
Purge fill pressure: 19.500 psig
Number of cycles: 10
Cycle fill pressure: 19.500
Equilib. rate: 0.0050 psig/min
Use run precision? No
Analysis method: Standard
Record P1 equilibration data? No
Record P2 equilibration data? No

Report Options

Description: Report Options

Show report title: Yes

Show graphic: Yes

Graphic height: 0.250 in

Graphic width: 2.000 in

Overlay: None

Reports

Combined Report No

Summary Report Yes

Density and Volume Table Yes

Pressure and Volume Table No

Volume vs Cycle # Yes

Density vs Time No

Total Pore Volume vs Temperature No

Density vs Cycle # Yes

P1 Equilibration No

P2 Equilibration No

Advanced Reports No

Options Report No

Sample Log No

Summary Report

Sample Volume

Average: Yes

Standard Deviation: Yes

Coefficient of Variation: No

Pass/Fail: No

Sample Density

Average: Yes

Summary Report

Standard Deviation: Yes
Coefficient of Variation: No
Pass/Fail: No
Specific Gravity
Average: No
Standard Deviation: No
Coefficient of Variation: No
Pass/Fail: No
Total Pore Volume*
Average: No
Standard Deviation: No
Coefficient of Variation: No
Pass/Fail: No
Total Solids Concentration
Average: No
Standard Deviation: No
Coefficient of Variation: No
Pass/Fail: No
Percent Porosity*
Average: No
Standard Deviation: No
Coefficient of Variation: No
Pass/Fail: No
Temperature
Average: No
Standard Deviation: No
Coefficient of Variation: No
Pass/Fail: No

Density and Volume Table

Column 1 Cycle Number
Column 2 Volume
Column 3 Volume Deviation
Column 4 Density
Column 5 Density Deviation
Column 6 Elapsed Time
Column 7 Temperature

Density and Volume Table

Column 1 Cycle Number
Column 2 Volume
Column 3 Volume Deviation
Column 4 Density
Column 5 Density Deviation
Column 6 Elapsed Time
Column 7 Temperature

Summary Data

Volume:
Average: Yes
Standard Deviation: Yes
Coefficient of Variation: No

Density:
Average: Yes
Standard Deviation: Yes
Coefficient of Variation: No

Specific Gravity:
Average: No
Standard Deviation: No
Coefficient of Variation: No

Total Pore Volume*:
Average: No
Standard Deviation: No
Coefficient of Variation: No

Total Solids Concentration:
Average: No
Standard Deviation: No
Coefficient of Variation: No

Percent Porosity*:
Average: No
Standard Deviation: No
Coefficient of Variation: No

Temperature:

Summary Data

Average: No
Standard Deviation: No
Coefficient of Variation: No

Volume (60° F):
Average: No
Standard Deviation: No
Coefficient of Variation: No

Density (60° F):
Average: No
Standard Deviation: No
Coefficient of Variation: No

Specific Gravity (60° F):
Average: No
Standard Deviation: No
Coefficient of Variation: No

Volume vs Cycle

X Axis: Cycle Number
Y Axis: Volume
Overlay: Overlay Samples
Show Average: Yes
Show Reference: No
Reference Value: 0.0000 cm³
Show +/-: No
+/- Value: 3.0 sigma
Show Range: No
Minimum: 0.0000 cm³
Maximum: 0.0000 cm³
Plot Curve: Yes
Plot Points: Yes
Autoscale X Axis: Yes
Autoscale Y Axis: Yes

Density vs Cycle

X Axis: Cycle Number
Y Axis: Density
Overlay: Overlay Samples
Show Average: Yes
Show Reference: No
Reference Value: 0.0000 g/cm³
Show +/-: No
+/- Value: 3.0 sigma
Show Range: No
Minimum: 0.0000 g/cm³
Maximum: 0.0000 g/cm³
Plot Curve: Yes
Plot Points: Yes
Autoscale X Axis: Yes
Autoscale Y Axis: Yes

Collected Data

Chamber Insert: None
 Cell Volume: 11.743300 cm³
 Expansion Volume: 8.410800 cm³

Collected Data				
Elapsed Time (mm:ss)	P1 Pressure (psig)	P2 Pressure (psig)	Volume (cm ³)	Temperature (°C)
9:28	19.540010	10.525300	1.923108	24.898489
11:55	19.528679	10.519403	1.922688	24.857891
14:20	19.538498	10.524772	1.922529	24.920292
16:48	19.540857	10.526293	1.922023	24.972166
19:18	19.536482	10.524108	1.921674	24.965399
21:47	19.528141	10.519802	1.921295	25.047722
24:19	19.540800	10.526590	1.921358	25.095461
26:52	19.532545	10.522022	1.921604	25.132675
29:14	19.541279	10.527058	1.920935	25.145832
31:44	19.541832	10.527386	1.920874	25.202969

Sample Log

Sample Log		
Date	Time	Log Message
9/17/2019	9:45:46 AM	Analysis done.

D MULTIVOLUME INSERT OPTION

The MultiVolume Insert option provides analysis of samples using smaller-sized sample chambers.



Wear latex gloves when handling inserts and sample cups. Oils from skin may contaminate the surface and affect analysis results. See [Handling System Components on page 11 - 5](#).

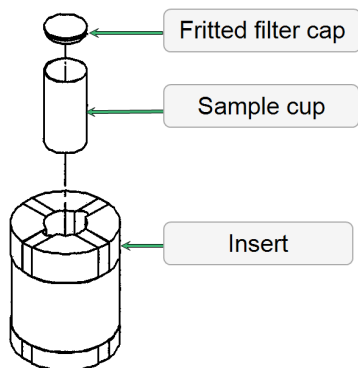
Equipment	Description
AccuPyc 1 cm³	Includes a 0.1 cm ³ insert / sample cup combination.
AccuPyc 10 cm³	Includes 1 and 3.5 cm ³ inserts with corresponding sample cups and appropriate calibration standards. Fritted filter lids are included for both inserts.
AccuPyc 100 cm³	Includes 10 and 35 cm ³ inserts with corresponding sample cups and appropriate calibration standards. A fritted filter lid, which prevents the escape of sample particles under rapid gas flow, is included for the 10 cm ³ insert.
AccuPyc 2000 cm³	Includes 650 and 1300 cm ³ cups, supporting inserts and calibration standards. A tool is also included to allow removal of the supporting inserts.

An insert changes the size of the sample chamber and requires its own sample cup. All inserts are shipped with appropriate cups, with the exception of the 0.1 cm³ insert for the 1 cm³ unit. Because of its size, the sample cup for the 0.1 cm³ insert is built-in. The appearance of the inserts and cups varies.

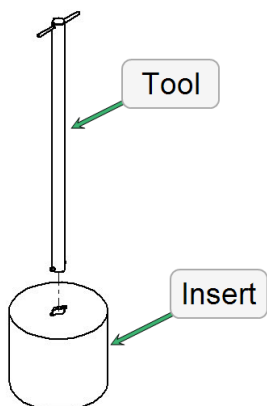


- The fritted filter caps for the 1 cm³ and 3.5 cm³ inserts fit on top of the insert.
- The cap for the 10 cm³ insert (shown in image) fits on the sample cup.

This example shows a 10 cm³ cup and insert.



The inserts for the 2000 cm³ systems are installed and removed with a special tool.



INSTALL AND REMOVE INSERTS AND SAMPLE CUPS

0.1 cm³ INSERT

The MultiVolume kit contains a special tool required to install the 0.1 cm³ inserts. The sample cup is built into the 0.1 cm³ insert.

1 cm³ INSERT

The MultiVolume kit contains a special tool required to install the 1 cm³ inserts.

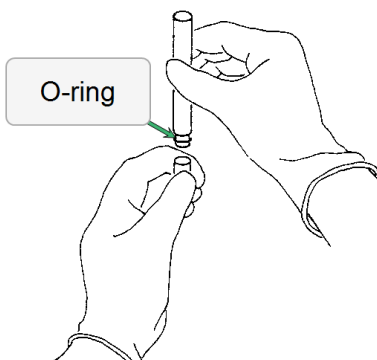
To Install the Insert

1. Remove the sample chamber cap and place on a clean work surface with the greased side facing upward.

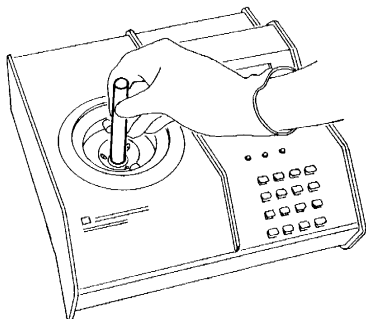


Contamination from airborne particles can occur rapidly. The chamber cap should be left off the sample chamber for as little time as possible.

2. Place the insert into the sample chamber.
3. Use the handling tool to grasp the cup for placement in the insert. After placing the sample into the sample cup, insert the tip of the tool into the cup and press down firmly. The handling tool features an O-ring to grip the inside surface of the sample cup.



4. Place the cup into the insert, then tilt the tool to one side and remove it from the sample cup.



5. If using a fritted filter cap, place it onto the top of the insert.
6. Replace the sample chamber cap.

To Remove the Insert

1. Remove the sample chamber cap and place on a clean work surface with the greased side facing upward.
2. Remove the fritted filter cap (if used).
3. Insert the handling tool into the sample cup until the sample cup is gripped by the O-ring.
4. Lift the sample cup out of the insert.
5. Pull the insert from the sample chamber.
6. Replace the sample chamber cap.

10, 3.5, AND 35 CM³ INSERTS

Remove the chamber cap and place the insert into the sample chamber. The insert should fit snugly in the chamber. Place the appropriate sample cup into the well of the insert.



Do not force the insert or cup into the openings. This may damage the instrument, insert, or sample cup.

Install the fritted filter cap (if used) before closing the sample chamber. A fritted filter cap is used to constrict gas flow and is included with some inserts. The fritted filter cap for the 10 cm³ insert fits on the top of the sample cup. The fritted filter caps for the 1 and 3.5 cm³ inserts fit on the top of the insert. Fritted filter caps are not available for the 0.1 and 35 cm³ inserts.

CALIBRATE INSERT

An insert must be calibrated and its operation verified. Appropriate calibration standards are included in the MultiVolume kits. For example, a 100 cm³ capacity AccuPyc with a 10 cm³ insert must be calibrated with the 10 cm³ insert, cup, and calibration standards.

0.1 CM³ INSERT

Because of the size of the 0.1 cm³ insert, its calibration is performed in a different manner from that of other inserts.



If the 1 cm³ pycnometer has not been calibrated recently, perform a calibration before calibrating the 0.1 cm³ insert.

1. Remove the sample chamber cap and place on a clean work surface with the greased side facing upward.
 2. Place the insert into the sample chamber (the sample cup is built into the insert). Replace the chamber cap.
 3. Press **Alt + 4** to access the *Analyze* function. Press **ENTER** until the *Chamber Insert* prompt is displayed. Ensure that *None* is displayed.
 4. Press **ENTER** to display the *Analyze* prompt. Press **ENTER** to begin the calibration.
 5. After the calibration is complete, the *Reload* prompt is displayed.
 6. Press **CHOICE** until the average measured volume is displayed. Record this value.
 7. Press **Alt + 2** to access *Setup*.
 8. Press **CHOICE** until *Calibration Data* is displayed.
 9. Press **ENTER** to display the *Chamber Insert* prompt.
 10. Ensure that *None* is selected, then press **ENTER** to display the *Cell Volume* prompt.
 11. Subtract the average volume of the 0.1 cm³ insert / cup (recorded in Step 6) from the cell volume displayed in the prompt. Record this value.
 12. Press **ENTER** to display the *Expansion Volume* prompt.
 13. Record the value displayed for the expansion volume, then press **ENTER** to return to the *Calibration Data* prompt.
 14. Press **ENTER**. The *Chamber Insert* prompt is displayed.
 15. Press **CHOICE** until 0.1 cm³ is displayed, then press **ENTER** to display the *Cell Volume* prompt. Enter the value recorded in Step 11.
 16. Press **ENTER** to display the *Expansion Volume* prompt. Enter the value recorded in Step 12.
 17. Press **SAVE** to save the information and return to the *Reload* prompt.
- The pycnometer is now ready for analyses using the 0.1 cm³ insert / cup.

1, 10, 3.5, 35, 650, AND 1300 CM³ INSERTS

1. Remove the sample chamber cap and place on a clean work surface with the greased side facing upward.
2. Place the insert and sample cup into the sample chamber. Replace the chamber cap.
3. Calibrate the insert. See [About Calibration on page 10 - 1](#).
4. See [Verify Operation on page 10 - 12](#).

OPERATING PARAMETERS USING THE KEYPAD

To operate using inserts, access the *Chamber Insert* prompt to select the appropriate MultiVolume insert.

1. Press **Alt + 2** to access the *Setup* function.
2. Press **CHOICE** until *Report Options* is displayed, then press **ENTER**.
3. Continue pressing **ENTER** until the *Request Insert* prompt is displayed.
4. Press **CHOICE** until Yes is displayed, then press **ENTER**.

Unit[n]	SN1234	10 cm3
Report Options		
Request insert?		
Yes		

5. Press **SAVE** to save the changes and return to the *Reload* prompt.
- A *Chamber Insert* prompt will display during all normal operating procedures. For example, a *Chamber Insert* prompt will display when starting a calibration or analysis.

E RS232 Pin Assignment

The AccuPyc is a standard DTE device. The RS232 port can be used to connect an analytical balance for transfer of sample weight, or for transmitting data to a computer. The receiving device must be configured to interface with the RS232 pin assignments. Any signals that are not listed in the *RS232 Pin Assignment* table are ignored.

RS232 Pin Assignments

Pins	Signal	Description	Data Direction
2	RXD	Receive Data	Into AccuPyc
3	TXD	Transmit Data	From AccuPyc
4	DTR	Data Terminal Ready	From AccuPyc
5	GND	Ground	N/A
6	DSR	Data Set Ready	Into AccuPyc

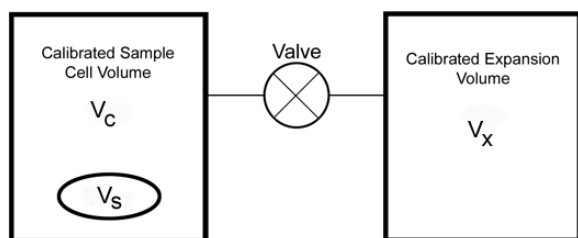
The AccuPyc uses the DTR and DSR signals for hardware flow control. Ensure that the serial device provides these signals. For example, if attaching to a computer (also a DTE device), use a null modem cable which includes the designated signals. If transmission problems occur, ensure that the signals are set up properly. If the signals are correctly configured, contact the receiving device manufacturer for assistance.

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F SAMPLE VOLUME EQUATION DERIVATION

10, 100, AND 350 CM³ UNITS

The AccuPyc II is a gas displacement pycnometer which measures the volume of solid objects of irregular or regular shape whether powdered or in one piece. A greatly simplified diagram of the instrument is shown below.



Sample volume is determined from the known cell and expansion volumes and from measured pressures.

The cell and expansion chamber are initially at ambient pressure and the valve is closed. The cell is then charged to an elevated pressure.

The ideal gas law gives:

$$P_1(V_c - V_s) = n_c RT \quad (1)$$

where

n_c	=	moles of gas in the sample cell
R	=	the gas constant
T	=	temperature
V_c	=	cell volume
V_s	=	sample volume
V_x	=	expansion volume
P_1	=	initial cell pressure

Expansion volume:

$$P_a V_x = n_x RT \quad (2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} P_a &= \text{ambient pressure} \\ n_x &= \text{moles of gas in the expansion volume} \end{aligned}$$

When the valve is opened, the pressure falls to an intermediate value, P_2 , and mass balance yields:

$$P_2(V_c - V_s + V_x) = n_c RT + n_x RT \quad (3)$$

Substituting from equations (1) and (2) into (3):

$$P_2(V_c - V_s + V_x) = P_1(V_c - V_s) + P_a V_x \quad (4)$$

or

$$(P_2 - P_1)(V_c - V_s) = (P_a - P_2)V_x \quad (5)$$

then

$$V_c - V_s = \frac{P_a - P_2}{P_2 - P_1} V_x \quad (6)$$

Adding and subtracting P_a in the denominator and rearranging gives

$$-V_s = -V_c + \frac{P_a - P_2}{P_2 - P_a - P_1 + P_a} V_x \quad (7)$$

Dividing by $(P_a - P_2)$ in both the numerator and denominator

$$V_s = V_c - \frac{V_x}{-1 - \left(\frac{P_1 - P_a}{P_a - P_2}\right)} \quad (8)$$

or

$$V_s = V_c - \frac{V_x}{\left(\frac{P_1 - P_a}{P_2 - P_a}\right) - 1} \quad (9)$$

Using gauge pressure defined as:

$$P_{ig} = P_i - P_a \quad (10)$$

equation (9) is rewritten as:

$$V_s = V_c - \frac{V_x}{\frac{P_{1g}}{P_{2g}} - 1} \quad (11)$$

1 CM³ AND 2000 CM³ UNITS

The 1 cm³ and 2000 cm³ pycnometers operate by filling the expansion chamber while the sample cell remains at ambient pressure. After P_1 is equilibrated, the expansion valve opens to allow gas to expand into the sample chamber and P_2 is equilibrated.

For the 1 cm³ and 2000 cm³ pycnometers, equation (1) becomes

$$P_1 V_x = n_x RT$$

and equation (2) becomes

$$P_a (V_c - V_s) = n_c RT$$

A derivation similar to that above yields the working equation for the 1 cm³ and 2000 cm³ pycnometers

$$V_s = V_c - V_x \left(\frac{P_{1g}}{P_{2g}} - 1 \right)$$

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G TEC MODULE

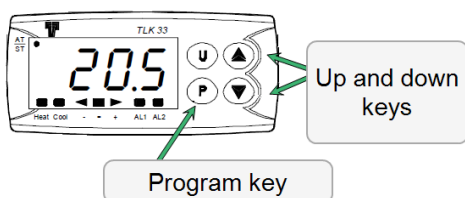
This AccuPyc system has been modified to provide temperature control from 15 to 36 °C. The system uses a thermoelectric control (TEC) system to heat or cool the AccuPyc. The temperature is controlled using a digital temperature controller and a separate power system from the AccuPyc.

It is suggested that the TEC system be installed first, to allow time for temperature to stabilize at the desired temperature, while the AccuPyc is being installed.

SET THE TEC TEMPERATURE

1. Power on the TEC module. The power switch is located near the power inlet.

The digital display of the temperature controller will show a test message while it starts up. When the test message stops flashing, the current temperature displays. If the current temperature and a message such as *ErAt* displays, press the **P** (Program) key on the front panel of the controller. The *ErAt* message should stop and only the current temperature will display.



2. Press **P**. *SP 1* displays followed by the current setpoint (*SP 1*). Use the **Up** or **Down** key to set the temperature.
3. Press **P** to accept the temperature. The controller will now start heating or cooling to achieve the setpoint



The TEC module uses a fan to remove heat. The fan is located on the underside of the instrument. The fan pulls air into the instrument and the air is exhausted through ventilation slots on the rear panel. The exhaust slots must remain unobstructed.

Do not allow papers or other debris to be pulled across the fan as this will stop the necessary air flow. The TEC system will be unable to control temperature, and may become damaged.

OPERATE THE TEC MODULE

When the TEC controller shows the correct temperature, there may be a small difference between the temperature on the TEC unit and the AccuPyc display because two different sensors are being used. The AccuPyc sensor and electronics are calibrated together to compensate for any component differences between the sensor and the circuit board components. Micromeritics considers the AccuPyc temperature display to be a more accurate reflection of the sample temperature than the reading from the controller. The controller and the sensor used with the controller cannot be calibrated.

The TEC controller may be adjusted to compensate for the small difference. If the AccuPyc temperature is a little high, then reduce the setpoint of the TEC controller by the difference. Wait for stabilization. Re-adjustment may need to be repeated until the correct AccuPyc temperature is achieved.

The AccuPyc volume must be calibrated at the analysis temperature. Perform the volume calibration in the normal way until it is time to insert the reference volume (sphere or spheres). After installing the reference volume, wait at least 20 minutes to allow the reference volume to achieve the same temperature as the AccuPyc. Then continue as normal.

When it is necessary to perform AccuPyc tests at a different temperature, re-calibrate the system volume at the new temperature.

VOLUME CHANGE WITH TEMPERATURE FOR THE 10 cm³ AccuPyc

The reference spheres supplied with the 10 cm³ AccuPyc are made from tungsten carbide. They were measured at 20 °C. The spheres will change volume with temperature. The change is very small and is shown in the following table. Every sphere is a slightly different size, and so the table provides the factor to be used if the value used during calibration needs to be adjusted. Multiply the volume provided with the reference spheres by the value in the right column.

Temperature (°C)	Typical Volume (cm ³), two balls	Factor
15	6.37125	0.99991
20	6.37182	1.00000
25	6.37238	1.00009
30	6.37295	1.00018
35	6.37351	1.00027

For example, if the ball is 6.37182 cm³ at 20 °C but run at 50 °C, multiply the Volume × the factor in the table.

$$6.37182 \text{ cm}^3 \times 1.00053 = 6.37520 \text{ cm}^3$$

VOLUME CHANGE WITH TEMPERATURE FOR THE 100 cm³ AccuPyc

The stainless steel calibration standard (ball) supplied with the 100 cm³ AccuPyc is made from 440 grade stainless steel. It was measured at 20 °C. Its volume will be higher when heated above 20 °C. The following table uses the coefficient of thermal expansion of 440 grade stainless steel (0.0000101 m/m/degree C change) to provide the volume of the sphere at various temperatures.

Every ball is a slightly different size therefore the table provides the factor to be used if the value used during calibration needs to be adjusted. Multiply the volume provided with the reference sphere by the value in the right column.

Temperature (°C)	Typical Volume (cm ³)	Factor
15	51.089712	0.99995
20	51.092292	1.000000
25	51.094872	1.000051
30	51.097452	1.000101
35	51.100032	1.000152

For example, if the ball is 51.092292 cm³ at 20 °C but run at 50 °C, multiply the Volume × the Factor in the table.

$$51.092292 \times 1.000303 = 51.107773$$

ASPHALT DENSITY MEASUREMENT

Samples can be analyzed in disposable cups. Any difference in the mass of the cups used for calibration and analysis will be corrected for in the reported quantities. Performing an asphalt density measurement requires disposable sample cups.

Steps 1-9 do not need to be repeated for subsequent analyses.

1. Set the instrument temperature and allow 12 hours for equilibration.
2. Go to **Options > Option Presentation**. Select *Show Cup Properties*. Verify that a check-mark displays to the left.
3. Label each disposable cup with a permanent marker and record its mass.
4. Place a disposable cup in the 3.3 cm³ insert and position the insert in the sample chamber.
5. Go to **Unit [n] > Calibration > Calibrate Volume**.
 - a. Enter the mass of the cup in the *Cup mass* field.
 - b. Enter the volume of the reference sphere in the *Volume of calibration standard* field.
 - c. Select the correct chamber insert.
 - d. Select *Measured*.
 - e. Click **Start**.
6. Insert the reference sphere when prompted and resume the calibration.
7. When the calibration is complete, remove the cup and reference sphere.
8. Prepare a sample in a different disposable cup and place it in the sample chamber.
9. Create a sample file for the analysis.
10. Go to **Unit [n] > Sample Analysis** and select the sample file created in the previous step.
11. Enter the mass of the cup in the *Cup mass* field.
12. Select the chamber insert that was used for calibration.
13. Click **Start**.

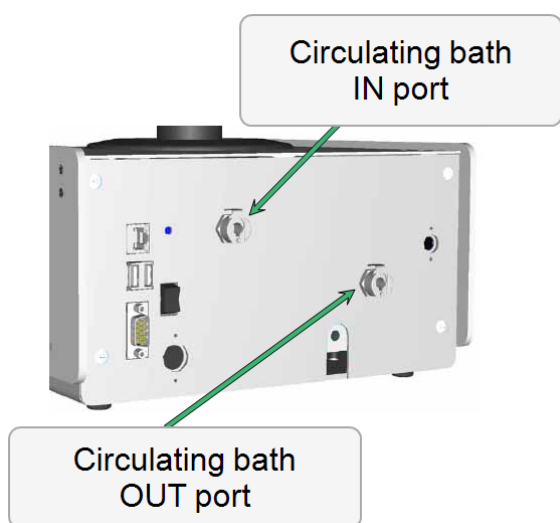
H TEMPERATURE-CONTROLLED AccuPyc

A temperature controlled AccuPyc must be connected to a circulating bath (not provided by Micromeritics). Refer to the manufacturer operator manual for circulating bath operating instructions.

ATTACH A CIRCULATING BATH

The rear panel of the temperature-controlled AccuPyc contains connections for a circulating bath. Provided in the accessory kit are two hose fittings and a four foot length of tubing.

1. Power off the controlling unit.
2. Remove the plugs from the **In** port and the **Out** port.



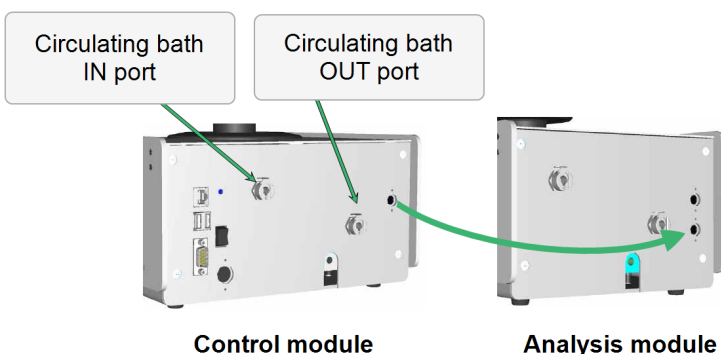
3. Insert the provided hose fittings into each connector.
4. Cut the piece of 4 ft. tubing into two equal pieces of 2 feet each.
5. Install the tubing on the **In** and **Out** connectors.
6. Install the other end of the **Out** tubing to the **Inlet** connection of the bath circulator.
7. Install the other end of the **In** tubing to the **Outlet** connection of the bath circulator.
8. Set the temperature using the appropriate controls on the bath circulator.

ADD ANALYSIS MODULES TO A TEMPERATURE CONTROLLED MODULE



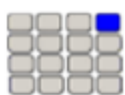
If using the Windows version of the AccuPyc II, exit the application before powering off the analyzer.

1. Power OFF the controlling unit.
2. Connect the circulating bath. See [Attach a Circulating Bath on the previous page](#).
3. Connect one end of the module connector cable (provided in the analysis module accessories kit) to the connector labeled **Module Connection** on the rear panel of the control module.
4. Connect the other end of the module connector cable to the lower connector labeled **Module Connector** on the rear panel of the analysis module.



5. Power ON the analyzer. If using the Windows version of the AccuPyc II, start the application.
6. Calibrate the analysis module using the calibration kit shipped with the system. See [About Calibration on page 10 - 1](#).

I TRANSMITTED DATA



Use these instructions for keypad installations only. If a computer will be attached to the module, skip this section. All setup functions will be done in the analysis software application.

Analysis and calibration data can be transmitted in a single column or spreadsheet with data in ASCII delimited format. Units are displayed as:

Data Units

Type	Measurement
Date	DD/MM/YY
Time	HH:MM:SS
Pressure	psig
Temperature	°C
Elapsed Time	seconds

ANALYSIS REPORT

Analysis Report - Spreadsheet

Record Number	Description	Form
1	Version Number	20 characters
2	Serial Number	1 integer
3	Report type = analysis	8 characters
4	Start (reported on one line as ASCII comma delimited data) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4a. Date 4b. Time 	8 characters (each)
5	Stop (reported on one line as ASCII comma delimited data) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5a. Date 5b. Time 	8 characters (each)
6	Temperature	1 floating point
7	Description line 1	20 characters

Analysis Report - Spreadsheet (continued)

Record Number	Description	Form
8	Description line 2	20 characters
9	Sample IDs	20 characters
10	Sample mass	1 floating point
11	Number of purges	1 integer
12	Equilibration rate	1 floating point
13	Chamber Insert: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = None 1 = 10 cm³ (100 cm³ unit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 cm³ (10 cm³ unit) 0.1 cm³ (1 cm³ unit) 2 = 35 cm³ (100 cm³ unit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.5 cm³ (10 cm³ unit) 	1 integer
14	Cell volume	1 floating point
15	Expansion volume	1 floating point
16	Average volume	1 floating point
17	Volume standard deviation	1 floating point
18	Average density	1 floating point
19	Density standard deviation	1 floating point
20	Number of runs	1 integer
21	Run precision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = Disabled 1 = Enabled 	1 floating point
22	Percent full scale	1 floating point
23	Carriage return / Line feed	
24	Carriage return / Line feed	
25	Carriage return / Line feed	
26	Run number and pressure (reported on one line as ASCII	

Analysis Report - Spreadsheet (continued)

Record Number	Description	Form
	comma delimited data)	
26a	Run number	1 integer
26b	P1	1 floating point
26c	P2	1 floating point
26d	Include in average calculation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0 = Excluded• 1 = Included	1 integer
26e	Elapsed time	1 unsigned integer
26f	Volume	1 floating point
26g	Volume deviation	1 floating point
26h	Density	1 floating point
26i	Density deviation	1 floating point
27	Temperature (all temperature data)	1 floating point

CALIBRATION REPORT

Calibration Report - Single Column

Record Number	Description	Form
1	Version Number	20 characters
2	Serial Number	1 integer
3	Report type = calibration	11 characters
4	Start (reported on one line as ASCII comma delimited data) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4a. Date • 4b. Time 	8 characters (each)
5	Stop (reported on one line as ASCII comma delimited data) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5a. Date • 5b. Time 	8 characters (each)
6	Temperature	1 floating point
7	Calibration standard size	1 floating point
8	Number of purges	1 integer
9	Equilibration rates	1 floating point
10	Chamber Insert: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = None • 1 = 10 cm³ (100 cm³ unit) <div>1 cm³ (10 cm³ unit)</div> <div>0.1 cm³ (1 cm³ unit)</div> • 2 = 35 cm³ (100 cm³ unit) <div>3.5 cm³ (10 cm³ unit)</div> 	1 integer
11	Average cell volume	1 floating point
12	Cell volume standard deviation	1 floating point
13	Average expansion volume	1 floating point

Calibration Report - Single Column (continued)

Record Number	Description	Form
14	Expansion volume standard deviation	1 floating point
15	Number of runs	1 integer
16	P1 (all P1 data)	1 floating point
17	P2 (all P2 data)	1 floating point
18	P1* (all P1* data)	1 floating point
19	P2* (all P2* data)	1 floating point
20	Include in average calculation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0 = Excluded• 1 = Included	1 integer

Calibration Report - Spreadsheet

Record Number	Description	Form
1	Version Number	20 characters
2	Serial Number	1 integer
3	Report type = calibration	11 characters
4	Start (reported on one line as ASCII comma delimited data) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4a. Date 4b. Time 	8 characters (each)
5	Stop (reported on one line as ASCII comma delimited data) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5a. Date 5b. Time 	8 characters (each)
6	Temperature	1 floating point
7	Calibration standard size	1 floating point
8	Number of purges	1 integer
9	Equilibration rates	1 floating point
10	Chamber Insert: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = None 1 = 10 cm³ (100 cm³ unit) 1 cm³ (10 cm³ unit) 0.1 cm³ (1 cm³ unit) 2 = 35 cm³ (100 cm³ unit) 3.5 cm³ (10 cm³ unit) 	1 integer
11	Average cell volume	1 floating point
12	Cell volume standard deviation	1 floating point
13	Average expansion volume	1 floating point
14	Expansion volume standard deviation	1 floating point
15	Number of runs	1 integer

Calibration Report - Spreadsheet (continued)

Record Number	Description	Form
16	Carriage return / Line feed	
17	Carriage return / Line feed	
18	Carriage return / Line feed	
19	Run number and pressure (reported on one line as ASCII comma delimited data)	
19a	Run number	1 integer
19b	P1	1 floating point
19c	P2	1 floating point
19d	P1*	1 floating point
19e	P2*	1 floating point
19f	Include in average calculation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = Excluded • 1 = Included 	1 integer
19g	Cell volume	1 floating point
19h	Cell volume deviation	1 floating point
19i	Expansion volume	1 floating point
19j	Expansion volume deviation	1 floating point

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