

NH₃ Sampling Protocol Using The Ogawa Sampler*



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General Information

- 1. "Water", in all cases, shall mean water meeting ASTM Type I specifications. (Equal to Milli-Q by Millipore). Use Reagent grade chemicals for all applications.
- 2. "Wash", in all cases, shall mean cleaning thoroughly with water meeting ASTM Type I specifications.
- 3. All sampler components should be carefully washed and dried before each use. This is an important function, and special care should be taken to do this step carefully.
- 4. Washing, drying, assembly of sampler, and loading with the proper pre-coated filters should be done in a clean area, free of NH₃ contamination. It is not necessary to use a glove box.
- 5. When the point of research is outdoors, the sampler should be given protection from the sun and rainfall. Ogawa & Co., USA, Inc. has an opaque shelter and mounting bracket designed for that purpose.
- 6. Direct exposure of individuals can be easily measured by using the alligator clip to attach the sampler to clothing as close to the face as possible.

Ogawa Sampler Assembly

The sampler is comprised of 2 chambers. In each chamber of the sampler, the assembly stack-up is described below. Start at the innermost position with the pad and progress outwards to the diffuser end cap.

- 1. Solid Pad
- 2. Pad Retaining Ring
- 3. Stainless Screen
- 4. Coated Collection Filter
- 5. Stainless Screen
- 6. Diffuser End Cap



Transport and Storage

After assembly, the loaded sampler is placed into the re-sealable plastic bag. The bagged sampler is placed into the brown airtight container, provided, and taken to the exposure site. After exposure, the above procedure is again followed to safely seal the used sampler into the brown airtight vial. It is then taken to the laboratory for analysis.

The sampler has the following lifetime associated with the various components:

	Refrigerated Storage Method	Frozen Storage Method
Sealed in glass vial and aluminum pouch	90 days	1 year
Resealed in vial, after opening	90 days	
Loaded sampler in bag placed in brown vial with lid	90 days	
Exposed loaded sampler, in bag placed in brown vial with lid	14 days	

Table 1: Shelf life associated with Passive Sampler Components.

Application of the Sampler in an Outdoor Micro-Environment

It is mandatory to protect the loaded sampler from moisture while it is being exposed. To accomplish this task, and still retain proper airflow to the device, it is necessary to use P/N PS-115 Opaque Shelter w/sampler bracket, which is shown on our price list as being for NO-NO_x, NO₂, and SO₂.

The PS-115 mounting bracket is attached to the site using several small screws or by passing a wire through two holes on each side of the bracket and then around the pole or post.

The sampler easily clips on to the bracket and the cup slides over the bracket to protect the sampler.

The PS-106 sampler bracket, once the sampler is clipped to it, easily slips over the shelter to hold the sampler in the correct position within the shelter.

NH₃ Analytical Procedure using Ogawa Sampler

Primary Standard Solution Take Out 10 ml (1000 µg NH₄/ml) 1000 ml Flask By using a pipette Dilute 10 ml primary standard solution with pure water to make 1000 ml secondary solution Secondary Standard Solution Take Out 1 ml or 10 ml (10 µg NH₄/ml) By using a pipette 100 ml Flask Dilute 1 ml secondary standard solution with pure water to make 100 ml working standard solution (0.1 μ g NH₄/ml) Dilute 10 ml secondary standard solution with pure water to make 100 ml working standard solution (1.0 μ g NH₄/ml) Working Standard Solution of 0.1 The standard solution should be selected depending on the or 10 μ g NH₄/ml anticipated concentration of samples from the test site.

Preparing of the NH₄ Standard Solution

Analytical Procedure of NH₃





