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SASS/SuperSASS

Speciation Sampler SASS-9805 Rev C



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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 About This Manual

This manual presents assembly and operational procedures for the SASS (Speciation Air Sampling System) and the SuperSASS (second-generation upgrade). Both the SASS and the SuperSASS are trademarks of Met One Instruments. The SuperSASS includes all the operating benefits of the SASS but with expanded sampling canister stations and additional sequential programming in groups of sample collection canisters. The term SASS will be used in this manual to identify basic concepts used for both the SASS and the SuperSASS. The term SuperSASS will be used to identify features or details specific to the SuperSASS.

1.2 Technical Service

Should support still be required after consulting the printed documentation, contact one of Met One Instruments, Inc.'s expert Technical Service representatives during regular business hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, Monday through Friday. In addition, technical information and service bulletins are found on our website. Please contact us and obtain a Return Authorization (RA) number before returning any equipment to the factory. This allows us to track and schedule service work and expedite customer service.

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Please have the instrument serial number available when contacting the manufacturer. Serial numbers on most models manufactured by Met One Instruments are located on a silver product label on the unit and printed on the calibration certificate. The serial number will begin with a letter followed by a unique five-digit number, such as U15915.

1.3 SASS/SuperSASS_{2.5} Ambient Chemical Speciation Sampler



Figure 1-1 SASS/SuperSASS *Sampling head, tripod, control box, ambient temp sensor and vacuum pump box.

1.3.1 SASS/SuperSASS Overview

The SASS (Speciation Air Sampler System) chemical sampler was developed under contract from the United States Environmental Protection Agency – US-EPA by Met One Instruments. The SASS collects samples for the chemical and gravimetric analysis of ambient air PM2.5 particles. PM2.5 refers to those airborne particles with diameters smaller than 2.5 μ m. These particles are comprised of sulfates, nitrates, organic carbon, soot-like carbon, and metals. With the recently enacted fine particle standard for PM2.5, the US-EPA has mandated a new sampling network for determining the concentration of each species. The SASS has been specifically designed to meet these needs.

The measurement techniques for the different chemical constituents, including semi volatile components such as nitrates, have been developed through special sampling programs 1-3. These studies have shown that other sampling techniques are required for analyzing the different chemical constituents of PM2.5. Met One Instruments, Inc. has worked closely with the US-EPA and potential end users to develop the SASS and the SuperSASS to comply with government regulations and incorporate features that the end user will likely find desirable. These features include portability, and a design, which allows the collection of samples without the user having to handle either the sample filter or the denuder.

1.4 SASS/SuperSASS Specifications

PARAMETER	SPECIFICATION	
Analytes:	PM _{2.5} : Mass and trace metals, organic and elemental carbon, sulfate, nitrate, other ions, and elements	
Number of Canisters:	SASS=Five (5), SuperSASS=Eight (8) maximum	
Sample Flow Rate:	6.7 Liters/minute +0.1 to -0.2 LPM per canister, active flow-controlled channels. (SASS and SuperSASS) 7 Liters/minute per canister, critical orifice channels. (SASS only)	
Flow Accuracy:	+0.1 to -0.2 LPM or L/min (Liters Per Minute)	
Inlet:	Sharp Cut Cyclone (SCC), (D50 2.5 μm AED) Detachable from canister	
Denuders:	Multicell, magnesium oxide, sodium carbonate, citric	
Filter Type:	47mm PTFE disc filters standard. Other filter material types available	
Filter Holder:	Accommodates standard EPA-pattern white Delrin filter cassettes	
Filter Per Canister:	One or two in series	
Ambient Temperature:	(-30 to 50°C) Bead thermistor in naturally aspirated radiation shield	
Filter Temperature:	(-30 to 50°C) bead thermocouple at inlet for canister 1 (SASS) (-30 to 50°C) bead thermocouple at inlet of each canister (SuperSASS)	
Logged Parameters:	Ambient Temp., °C (-30 to 50) Filter Temp. °C (-30 to 50) Sample start date and time Sample stop date and time Status of Sampler, Flags Volumetric flow rates (L/m) Volume (m ³ /hr)	
Logging Interval:	5 minute averaging	
Sample Events:	24-hour samples standard. Programmable start date/time and duration	
Support Stand:	Tripod with platform-mounting feet and mast	
Solar Radiation:	Shield, 20" (50.8 cm) diameter. X 12" (30.48 cm) H, Naturally Aspirated	
Control Box:	Weatherproof enclosure Width:10" (25.4 cm), height:11.11" (28.2 cm), depth: 6.25" (15.6 cm)	
Pump Power:	Standard: 120VAC Optional: 220VAC (upon request)	
Power Supply:	Input: 100 VAC to 240 VAC, .5 AMPS Typical Output: 12 V, 5.8 A, AC/DC Switching	

System Max Power Consumption:	120VAC,60 HZ, 3.85 AMPS 220VAC 50HZ, 3.15 AMPS
Data Collection:	USB data port Ethernet
Memory Capacity:	32 Gigabytes
User Interface:	4.75" (11.2 cm) x 6.75" (17.1 cm) graphic touchscreen
Deployed Dimensions:	Width: 14.4" (37 cm), height: 77" (2.0 m), depth: 14" (36 cm)
Footprint Dimensions	Width: 23.5" (59.69 cm), depth: 24.5" (62.23 cm)
Weight:	Sampler: 45lb (20.4 kg) (without inlet head), Tripod: 10.5lb (4.8 kg)

* The approximate upper concentration limit is based on the sampler's ability to maintain 16.67 L/min sample flow over the entire 24hour period, despite PTFE filter loading with typical urban PM_{2.5} particulate. Actual concentration limits will vary depending on ambient conditions, altitude, and particulate type.

Specifications may be subject to change without notice.

2. SITE SELECTION and POSITIONING CRITERIA

Met One Instruments, Inc. recommends checking local regulations and guidance documentation before selecting the site to install the SASS/SuperSASS. For example, US-EPA provides a variety of guidance documents where site selection issues are addressed. Such guidance and regulation may provide information concerning:

- Inlet height.
- Spacing and clearance.
- Proximity to particulate sources, both mobile and stationery.
- Additional siting criteria or considerations.

These details should be understood before selecting a site.

3. SETUP

Use the following information to correctly assemble, configure, and deploy the SASS/SuperSASS PM2.5. Installation of the SASS/SuperSASS PM2.5 should be performed by personnel familiar with environmental monitoring equipment. There are no special precautions or handling concerns except for the standard level of care required for handling scientific equipment. Refer to the instructions and diagrams on the following pages.

3.1 Unpacking The SASS

NOTE: Please keep all the special shipping items (box, foam packing material, etc.) used to ship the SASS/SuperSASS PM_{2.5}. They should be re-used if the SASS/SuperSASS PM_{2.5} is to be transported (changing site locations, returning to the factory, etc.). Contact Met One Instruments for replacement packing materials if necessary.

3.1.1 Shipping Damage

Any damage incurred to the equipment during shipping is the responsibility of the carrier. If any damage to the shipment is noticed before unpacking, **a claim must be filed with the commercial carrier immediately**. Follow any special unpacking instructions provided by the carrier as all items are carefully removed from the containers and each component inspected. It is recommended to document and photograph all damaged packages and items before, during, and after unpacking them. Contact Met One Instruments to arrange for any replacement items needed.

- Carefully unpack items from the box.
- Inspect all components for damage.
- Compare all components to the packing list to ensure all items have been shipped.
- After unpacking all components/sub-assemblies, take a photo of each with labels still attached and check to make sure they match all components/sub-assemblies listed on the packing list.

From the list provided below, check that all mandatory, standard equipment has been included (indicated by serial number):

3.1.2 Shipment Contents

The normal instrument configuration is supplied with the following standard accessories listed below.

SASS/Super SASS System Check-Off List

One operating manual

One control box (83375)

One sampling head: (8861-1) SASS; SuperSASS(8861-2)

One tripod assembly (8864)

One pump box with power supply: (8862-1) SASS; (8862-2) SuperSASS

One temperature sensor (065)

One radiation shield (074)

One canister assembly block (8421)

Speciation sample canisters (8370): SASS (5); SuperSASS (8)

Sharp-cut cyclones (8670): SASS(5); SuperSASS(8)

MgO-coated denuder (8382): SASS(1); SuperSASS(2)

One cassette transport case (8460)

One tool kit (8629)

The standard components for the SASS/SuperSASS are shown in **Figure 3-1** SASS Standard Accessories

Optional Accessories

The following optional accessories may be purchased separately:

MgO coated denuder (8382) 47mm 2-micron pore-size Teflon filters (460138) 47mm glass fiber filters (460138) 47mm 1-micron pore-size nylon filters (460141)



Figure 3-1 SASS Standard Accessories



Figure 3-2 SASS Tool Kit

3.2 Electrical Service

The sample site needs to be equipped with AC power and a standard weatherproof outdoor electrical outlet. Power Designations are specified at the time of purchase. To provide electrical hazard protection, a heavy green/yellow ground cable is attached to the bottom of the pump box. This ground cable provides an electrical hazard ground, and static discharge path. It also provides some protection for the equipment from induced electrical currents that may occur during nearby lightning strikes. If a ground rod is not available, a cold-water pipe can be used as an alternative. If a water pipe must be used, be sure that a suitable type of compression grounding clamp is attached to the water pipe.

NOTE: If a water pipe is used as a ground, be sure that it is a cold-water pipe, and not a gas pipe, or hot water pipe. They do not provide a suitable ground or have the potential for explosion.

In addition, it is recommended that one leg of the mounting tripod also be grounded to the same earth ground used to ground the pump box. For maximum effectiveness, a copper cable of AWG # 6 or larger should be used to ground the tripod.

The sampler should be equipped with a backup uninterruptable power supply (UPS) during applications where sample invalidations due to power failures are unacceptable. The supplied power must be rated for the electrical load and appropriately configured for an outdoor application. Consult a qualified electrical contractor. See **Table 1-1** Specificationsfor electrical specifications.

4. ASSEMBLY and DEPLOYMENT

The SASS/SuperSASS design allows for easy setup and deployment for long or shortterm sampling applications. The following sections in Chapter 4, "ASSEMBLY and DEPLOYMENT," explain setup procedures and proper system configuration for the SASS and SuperSASS.



Figure 4-1 SuperSASS System Aspirated solar radiation shield, canister inlets, tripod, control box, and vacuum pump box.

4.1 Tripod Assembly

The Met One EX-905 aluminum tripod is a standard accessory and recommended mounting option for the ES-808 in most outdoor applications. To deploy the tripod, follow the instructions below.

4.1.1 Tripod Leg Deployment

The EX-905 is shipped in the storage/transport configuration shown in **Figure 4-2**. In this configuration the tripod mast is upside down. To deploy and secure the tripod, follow the steps below.

- 1. Withdraw the three stainless steel detent pins from the tripod mast base by pulling the rings attached to the three pins.
- 2. Flip the tripod so the mast is pointing up, this will allow the leg brackets to pivot down into the mast base slots.
- 3. Line up the hole in the leg bracket with the detent pin holes in the mast base slot.
- 4. Insert each pin until the detent ball is visible from the other side securing the legs in the open position. Make sure the assembled tripod is rigid and stable.



Figure 4-2 Tripod Storage/Transport Configuration



Figure 4-3 Tripod Legs Deployed

4.1.2 Securing the EX-905 Tripod

Holes are provided in the tripod feet. Commercial hardware can be used to anchor the tripod to the sampling site. Typically, AMS and SLAMS operating sites consist of wooden constructs. Use of 1/4- lag screw mounting is advised to attach tripod feet to the sampling platform. If the sampling site is on the ground, drive spikes through the tripod mounting feet. If cement or other hard material is present on the sampling site surface, commercial hardware must be used to properly secure the tripod.



Figure 4-4 Tripod Mounting Hole Pattern

CAUTION: The tripod and sampling system operate at approximately 72 inches above ground or sampling deck level. Anchor the tripod using commercial hardware to the sampling deck to prevent damage during high winds or extreme weather. Installation instructions are provided on the outside of each tripod shipping carton.

4.2 Sass Sampling Head Assembly and Mounting

WARNING: When installing the sampling head, use a step ladder and/or have a second person aid in the process. The bottom shield must be set in place before any socket head cap screws can be installed.

Remove the Sass sampling head from the shipping materials. The sampling head assembly shown in (**Figure 4-5**) consists of:

- Upper shield with canister mounting plate, bundle of black tubing and a gray cable.
- Sheet metal bottom shield with eight holes near the outer area, one larger hole with hub in the middle and a small, tethered detent pin inserted into the hub.

With the head assembly upside down, (see **Figure 4-5**) lift off the bottom shield, allowing the hoses and cable to slide out of the hub at the center of the bottom shield. Pull the pin from the hub allowing it to hang by the chain. With the bottom shield separated from the upper shield, tubing, and cable, slide the shield over the top of the tripod mast with the hub facing down. The shield will rest on the leg weldment. Remove the gray PVC shipping tube from the center of the sampling head assembly by sliding it over the tubing and wire. This tube is used to align sections during shipment and is not required for assembly.



Figure 4-5 Sampling Head (Upside-down position)



Figure 4-6 Sampling Head Screw Locations

Next, install socket head screws (**Figure 4-6**). Locate the tool kit and plastic bag. Each bag contains three 8-32 x 3/16"-long socket head cap screws. An extra screw is provided. Screws have been treated with thread-locking compound. Use the 3/16" T-handle Allen wrench provided to install the screws into the two tapped holes in the top area of the tripod mast. These screws provide upper and lower shield orientation.

Uncoil the gray cable with connector and tubing bundle originating from upper sampling head hub. While supporting the sampling head, feed the bundle into the opening at top of the mast and mount the hub onto the mast. For proper alignment, engage notch in hub with the topmost screw head. Tighten the two factory-installed setscrews located in the sampling head hub to secure sampling head to mast. A bundle of black sample hoses and one electrical cable should be protruding from tripod mast base.



Figure 4-7 Sharp-Cut Cyclone and Canister Provides PM cut point, inverted canister within canister assembly block.

4.3 Filter Canister Assembly and Installation

The integrated sampler canister (Figure 4-8) contains the following components:

- 1. Sharp Cut Cyclone Inlet.
- 2. Denuder to remove nitric acid, other interfering gases.
- 3. Empty denuder ring.
- 4. 47mm front filter cassette for particle capture.
- 5. 47mm tandem or backup filter cassette as needed.
- 6. Filter cassette holder (Up to two filter cassettes).
- 7. Sampler canister main body.
- 8. Sample canister hardware.

NOTE: An empty denuder ring is used when no denuder is needed. Assembly details are indicated in Figure 4-9.



Figure 4-8 SASS Canister Assembly Components

4.3.1 Multi Cell Denuder

Denuders consist of tubes/annular spaces that capture reactive gases while allowing particles to penetrate. Gases possess a large diffusion coefficient, and their random motion brings them into contact with denuder walls. With appropriate coatings/selection of denuder material, semi volatile vapors are captured within the denuder walls. In contrast, particles follow airflow streamlines and pass through the denuder without contacting the walls. The particles penetrate the denuder and are captured by a filter placed downstream of the denuder. The filter medium is selected to adsorb vapor from subsequent volatilization of collected particles.

The SASS nitric acid denuder is a hexagonal, aluminum cell coated with magnesium oxide. There are approximately 350 hexagonal channels with each channel approximately 1.6mm in diameter. The denuder is 25 mm long. Initial testing with filtered air confirms that no shedding of MgO particles from the denuder is likely to occur. Tests also confirm 100% penetration of both liquid and solid particles in the size range tested. Nitric acid collection efficiency of the SASS denuder was measured in the laboratory using a permeation tube source diluted with purified (ammonia-free) laboratory air and a catalyst- equipped chemiluminescent nitrogen oxide analyzer detector. Measured nitric acid efficiency at the design flow rate of 6 L/min is 95%. Denuder performance test results are summarized in **Table 4-1** Denuder Performance Test Results

DENUDER	PARAMETER TESTED	TEST	RESULT
	Liquid particle		
	penetration	Penetration of oleic	100% penetration for
		acid particles with	all particle sizes
		diameters in the	tested
		range from 0.5 µm	
	Solid particle penetration	Penetration of solid	100% penetration for
Multicell Aluminum.		particles with	all particle sizes
coated with MgO		diameters in the	tested
Length: 25 mm		range from 0.5 µm	
# of channels:~350		to 1.5 μm	
	Collection efficiency for	Measure the	95-99% collection
	nitric acid	penetration of nitric	efficiency
		acid through the	
		denuder at	
		50	
		ppb and 100 ppb	

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- 1. COVER #8379
- 2. DENUDER SLEEVE #8380
- 3. FILTER CASSETTE, FRM #460128 (2 EA)
- 4. FILTER SPACER #8652
- 5. OUTLET PLATE #8652
- 6. SHOULDER SCREW #860024 (2 EA)
- 7. SHOULDER SCREW #860029 (2 EA)
- 8. SOCKET HEAD CAP SCREW, 1/4-20 X 5/8" LG (3 EA)
- 9. FLAT WASHER, 1/4" (3 EA)
- 10.VITON O-RING, #2-030 (2 EA)
- 11. VITON O-RING, #2-135 (2 EA)
- 12.VITON O-RING, #2-115 (2 EA)

Figure 4-9 Sample Canister Assembly (PN 8370)

4.3.2 Sharp Cut Cyclone (SCC)

The SASS inlet selectively transmits airborne particles according to PM_{2.5} criteria. After exiting the inlet tube, aerosol moves cyclonically within the body of the cyclone where larger particles are transported, due to inertia, against the outer wall. The unique design of this computer-modeled cyclone (Figure 4-10) produces the desired sampling efficiency. Curvatures of the cyclone body cause particles to inertially move towards the outside wall and migrate into the collection/grit cup to be disposed. Drift velocity is minimal compared to the velocity along the channel. Deposition of particles is relatively gentle and at a tangential angle, accounting for observed lack of particle bounce even without greased surfaces. The grit cup should be cleaned periodically. The penetration curve of the Sharp-Cut Cyclone is evaluated within



Figure 4-10 Sharp Cut Cyclone (8670)

Figure 4-13.



Figure 4-11 Sharp Cut Cyclone Disassembled



Figure 4-12 Sharp Cut Cyclone Parts Diagram



Figure 4-13 Penetration Curve, Sharp-Cut Cyclone (diam. 2.141mm)

4.3.3 Filter Media

Several types of filter media are necessary for assaying chemical constituents of ambient particles. The filter media must be suitable for the type of analysis to be performed. For example, Teflon[™] filters are used for gravimetric mass and trace metal determinations. Quartz filters are used for analysis of total organic carbon since, unlike other filter media, quartz filters contain trace amounts of carbon. See **Section 11.1** for available filter media options offered by Met One Instruments.

4.4 Sample Configurations

Canisters can be configured with one or two filters, a denuder and one filter, or a denuder and two filters. Types of denuder and filter media can be tailored to specific needs and desires of the sampling program. In this way, it can accommodate new denuder filter methods as they are established.

The SASS can be used for organic sampling in any configuration (**Figure 4-14**). All include an MgO-coated aluminum denuder, two Teflon[™] filters, one for mass and metals analysis, and one for inorganic ion analysis. The third leg is a MgO-denuded nylon filter provided for fine-particle nitrate measurement, and the fourth leg is double quartz for organic and elemental carbon analysis. For EPA testing, canisters are configured with Canister #1 containing a Teflon[™] filter, Canister #2 containing MgO denuder and a nylon filter, and Canister #3 containing a quartz filter. Multiple options exist regarding various particulate types, vapors, and volatile/semi volatile compounds. Users should consult the applicable reporting agency for instruction related to correct filter and denuder media use for sampling and reporting requirements.



Figure 4-14 Expected Configuration of SASS Canisters Use of MgO denuder for removal of gaseous nitrates.

4.5 Control Box Mounting

The SASS control unit is a weather resistant, environmentally sound enclosure. The control unit houses a microprocessor, touch-screen display, USB port, Ethernet port, and power connection. The SASS control unit is designed for angle mounting on the tripod for ease of operation and readability. Included with the control unit are two metal mounting brackets and two sets of Ubolt hardware clamps. Use the supplied wrench or a 7/16" nut driver to secure the mounting hardware. **Figure 4-16** shows the proper mounting configuration.



Figure 4-15 Control Unit Mounting



Figure 4-16 Control Unit Mounting Detail

A set of mounting brackets holds the control unit to the mast above the tripod legs. Using the two U-bolts supplied in the hardware package, secure control unit to the mast. Make sure to properly position control box with the hinged side of the box facing the left (from the front). All cable connections should be facing down. Once the unit is properly positioned, tighten the U-bolt hardware clamps using the supplied wrench or a 7/16" nut driver.

4.6 Ambient Temperature Sensor Mounting

The SASS includes a passive ambient temperature sensor using a thermistor protected by several round plates. The shield is naturally aspirated, allowing for an accurate temperature measurement. The ambient sensor assebly includes a Model 074 temperature shield, Model 065 temperature sensor, tripod mounting hardware, and cable with connectors.

After the control unit is secured to the tripod, mount the ambient temperature sensor and shield assembly. Attach the shield and temperature sensor assembly using one U-bolt and two 7/16" nuts with washers. The temperature shield should be mounted above the lower mounting bracket of the control unit (**see Figure 4-16** Control Unit Mounting Detail). Place the ambient temperature sensor on the mast with the flat top plate facing up and the cable connector facing the ground. Lower the sensor until the mounting bracket is about two inches from the top of the control unit's bottom bracket. Position the ambient temperature sensor so that the shields face the back of the tripod. When positioned, secure the sensor by tightening two 7/16" hardware nuts and washers using the supplied wrench or a nut driver.

Typically, the temperature sensor assembly should be positioned approximately three inches above the lower control unit U-bolt. The top of the shield should be at approximately the same level as the top of the control unit box. This will allow the lower shield of the sampling head to be lowered without hitting the top of the temperature shield (see **Figure 4-15 and Figure 4-16**). See **Section 4.6** to attach the cable and connector to the ambient temperature sensor from the pump control box. The connector and plug are keyed to reduce the possibility of an improper connection. If the connector does not seat easily, check the connector pins and key alignment, do not force it on.

4.7 Pump Box

The dual-diaphragm AC vacuum pump is contained in a weatherproof pump box. This pump box is isolated from the sample head to prevent vibration, noise, heat, or any potential exhaust contamination. The vacuum pump is a dual-headed Thomas Co.™ diaphragm vacuum pump mounted with four bolts through the bottom of the pump box chassis. The vacuum pump box contains a filter screen under the pump and an aspiration fan on the side. Heat is exhausted from the box by pulling ambient air into the base through the fan and exhausting it through the side. The pump box is mounted on an aluminum framework stand or chassis with four ¼" anchoring holes provided in the base. The pump should be located close to the base of the tripod on the floor or deck of the sampling platform. Pre-drilled holes are used for securing the pump box to the platform. The base can be mounted using ¼" bolts or lag screws. The holes are located on a hole pattern of 10" x 16" dimensions.

4.7.1 Vacuum Hose Connections

Locate and identify sample hoses hanging from the base of the tripod mast. The SASS will have five hoses, the SuperSASS will have Eight hoses. All hoses are labeled with a number located half an inch from the male quick connector. Match the hose number to the female fitting number located just above the fitting. Hose number one should be matched with fitting number one on the pump, and so on. All hoses should be connected for proper operation.



Figure 4-17 SuperSASS Vacuum Hose connections

To connect the hose, push the male quick connector into the female fitting on the pump. When the release tab of the female fitting pops up, the connector is fully seated and airtight.



Figure 4-18 Unattached Vacuum Hose



Figure 4-19 Vacuum Hose Attached

To disconnect a hose from the pump box, simply push down on the release tab of the female adaptor with your thumb and pull the connector away from the pump box.



Figure 4-20 Vacuum Release Tab



Figure 4-21 Vacuum Hose Released

4.7.2 Cable Connections

The pump box contains three cables that are fed from the bottom of the pump box:

- A three-pronged power cable.
- A signal cable with a screw-type, 6-pin connector that attaches to the ambient temperature sensor.
- A second cable with a screw-type, seven-pin connector that attaches to the connector on the bottom of the control box labeled "Pump Box".

The screw-type connectors are keyed to ensure correct pin alignment. To secure the screw-type connectors to the mating or receiving connector, align the key to the slot, allowing the connectors so mate. Apply light pressure by pushing the connector inwards and rotate the outer lock ring on the front of the connector clockwise to lock it into place. Gently wiggle the connector to confirm that the plug is locked in place. The connector should not move excessively and/or come unplugged if wiggled or gently tugged on.

The grey cable with a screw type connector, bundled with the sample tubing, will need to be connected to the pump box. The connection point on the pump box is located to the left of the exhaust rain hood.

With all cables connected, black zip-tie wraps can be used to secure cables to a tripod leg. Natural or nylon tie wraps will break down in direct sunlight and will be prone to breakage. The SASS includes five sample channels, and the SuperSASS includes eight potential sample channels.

5. USER INTERFACE and MENU SYSTEM

This section describes the SASS/SuperSASS user interface system, and describes the functions of the main menu options, including how to view data and errors.

5.1 User Interface – Touchscreen Display Functions

The SASS/SuperSASS user interface is a touchscreen display It is mounted inside the control box enclosure and is only accessible when the door of the SASS control box is open.

5.2 Menu Hierarchy and Navigation

The SASS/SuperSASS menu structure is outlined in the following table.

Menu	Sub Menu Options	Overview
OPERATE	Stop Sample	Cancel the current sampling event (visible during sample events)
	Event Manager	Configure upcoming sample events
	Transfer Data	Download stored data to a USB memory stick
	Historical Events	View: Min/Max ambient values, Warnings, Power interruptions, Real time values, 5-minute averages, Event summary.
	Update Software	Upgrade system software with USB storage device
	Restart System	Restart system if any major changes are made
	Shutdown System	Power down the system for storage or transport

Table 5-1 SASS/SuperSASS Menu Hierarchy
Menu	Sub Menu Options	Overview
TEST	Temp Calibrate	Calibrate temperature sensors or restore default settings
	Pres Calibrate	Calibrate pressure sensors or restore default settings
	Flow Calibrate	Calibrate flow rate or restore default settings
	System Test	Check function of flow system, turn pump on/off, leak test
	Temperature Calibrate	Calibrate ambient and filter temperature sensors
	Pressure Calibrate	Calibrate ambient barometric pressure sensor
	Flow Calibrate	Calibrate flow sensors
SETUP	Event Defaults	Set the default values for the Event Manager
	Clear Memory	Clear all stored data and alarm logs
	Set Clock	Set the date and time
	Unit ID	Set or change the numerical ID of the sampler
	Password	Change or disable the master password
	Serial Port	Set the baud rates for serial communications
	Sound Volume	Adjust the volume of the touchscreen sounds
	Touch Calibrate	Calibrate the touch screen
ABOUT	No sub menu	Details the current firmware type and version number, control box serial number, and display version.

Menu selections and instructions are detailed in the following sections of this operating manual as assigned in the Main Menu column of **Table 5-1** above.

5.2.1 Home Screen(s)

The Home or main operating screen is designed to provide the current status of the sampler and any programmed events. **Figure 5-1** Main Screen For SASS/SuperSASSillustrates the home screens for the SASS and SuperSASS. The up and down arrow keys are used to navigate between the various screens showing current data.

2023	-05-18 08:02:39	E Super SA	SS 2	2023-0	5-16 14:19:36
Current Event	O Pump : O Fan	Event Summary	Current Event		Pump : Fan
		Canister Set			
		Remaining			
		Sample Duration			
		Sample Start			
		Sample Stop			
		Status			
~	~			~	^
	2023 Current Event	2023-05-18 08:02:39	2023-05-18 08:02:39	2023-05-18 08:02:39 Current Event OPump OFan Event OPump OFan Event Canister Set Remaining Sample Duration Sample Start Sample Stop Status	2023-05-18 08:02:39 Current Event O Pump: C Fan Canister Set Remaining Sample Duration Sample Start Sample Stop Status

Figure 5-1 Main Screen For SASS/SuperSASS

*Table 5-2 describes the real-time fields displayed on the Home screen:

Parameter	Description
Canister Set	Designated ID of the filter cassette for the sample event
Remaining	Remaining time of the current sampling event.
Sample Duration	The preset time of the current sample
Sample Start	The start time of the sample in the following format:
	YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS
Sample Stop	The stop time of the sample in the following format:
	YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS
Status	Current operation such as sampling, waiting, stopped, etc.

Table 5-2 Main Display Parameter Descriptions

See **Section 8.1** for more details about programming sample events.

To access the various menus, press the three horizontal lines in the top left corner. A drop-down menu will appear (**Figure 5-2**) to allow selection of any of the four main menus. This option is available on all main menu screens.

2020 07 14 10.00.20
rrent Event O Pump : O Fa
Cu

Figure 5-2 Main Menu Drop-Down Selections

E Setup Men	u 🏠
> Event Defaults	> Clock
> Clear Memory	> Unit ID
> Flow Sensor	> Password
> Notifications	> Ethernet
> Logging	> Remote Access
> Setup Display	

To return to the Home screen, press the Home icon for located in the upper right corner of all main menu screens. This icon can clearly be seen in the Setup Menu image shown in **Figure 5-3**.

Figure 5-3 Setup Menu

To cancel an action and return to the previous menu screen, press the X icon X located in the upper right corner of all sub menu screens. This icon can clearly be seen in the Clock Setup screen image shown in **Figure 5-4**.

Set Clo	ck		×
Year	2023	Hour	13
Month	5	Minute	33
Day	17	Second	54

Figure 5-4 Clock Setup Screen

Year				
		1	2	3
		4	5	6
	2023	7	8	9
			0	
ок	CANCEL	DELET	E	CLEAR

Figure 5-5 Numeric Keypad

Some parameters, such as the Date and Time settings (Figure 5-4) or a Unit ID value, require numeric entry. When a button to edit such a field is pressed, a visual keypad (Figure 5-5 Numeric Keypad) will open allowing users to input the desired value. Press the OK key to accept the changes or the Cancel key to return to the previous screen. The X key (I) on the far right or the DELETE Key at the bottom performs a backspace operation.

Other parameters, such as the filter cassette ID value, may require alphabetical entry along with numerical values. When a button to edit such a field is pressed, a visual alphanumeric keypad (**Figure 5-6**) will open allowing users to input the value. Press the OK key to accept the changes or the Cancel key to return to the previous screen. The X key in the lower right side performs a backspace operation.

						ок		CANC	EL
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
Q	w	E	R	т	Y	U	1	ο	Р
A	s	D	F	G	н	J	к	L	-
Z	х	С	V	В	N	м	abc	G	×

Figure 5-6 Alphanumeric Keypad

The ABC key <u>ABC</u> in the lower right-hand corner, performs the function of a SHIFT key. It toggles between upper-case and lower-case letters and allows the numbers across the top to switch to special characters such as the dollar sign, asterisk, or ampersand.

5.3 Menus

This section is broken up into sub menu headers with individual entry explanations. The 5.x.x level shows the sub menu screens and then each 5.x.x. section shows and explains the individual entries. See the following example and repeat as needed for every menu option.

5.3.1 Operate Menu

≡ Operate	1		ሰ
		> Stop Sample	
> Event Manager	> Update Software	> Event Manager	> Update Software
> Transfer Data	> Restart System	> Transfer Data	> Restart System
> Historical Events	> Shutdown System	> Historical Events	> Shutdown System

Figure 5-7 The Operate Menu

The Operate Menu is the doorway to the most commonly used areas for normal operation of the SASS/SuperSASS. Note that the appearance of the menu changes slightly when a sample event is in progress, as shown in the right-hand image of **Figure 5-7** The Operate Menu.

5.3.1.1 Stop Sample Screen

If it is necessary to stop sampling, the Stop Sample button should be used. Press the key and the warning screen shown in. Press the gray STOP button if it is necessary to completely cease operation.



Figure 5-8 Stop Sample Screen

The Event Manager screen (**Figure 5-9** Event Manager) provides options for managing the sampling event schedule. It displays the currently programmed samples allowing for additions or providing options for removing/modifying existing events.

5.3.1.2 Event Manager Screen



Figure 5-9 Event Manager

5.3.1.3 Transfer Data Screen

The Transfer Data screen (**Figure 5-10**) is where data can be copied to a USB thumb drive. The "All Days" box outlined in green can be selected to provide two options for data retrieval. "All Days" will copy all stored data. "Days" will provide a screen where 0 to 999 days can be selected to retrieve data for that time. See **Section 8.2.3** for more details.

5.3.1.4 Historical Events Screen

Historical Events		
Even	t (0 / 0)	
>	~	^
	Even	Event (0 / 0)

Figure 5-11 Historical Events Main Screen

5.3.1.5 Update Software Screen

The Control box software can be updated in the Upgrade Software screen. Connect a USB storage device with correct upgrade software to the control box USB port. **Figure 5-12** illustrates the upgrade screen with latest software.

Copy to USB	×
Days	All Days
COPY	

Figure 5-10 Transfer Data Screen

The Historical Events menu will display all past events. The up and down arrows at the bottom right of **Figure 5-11** will navigate through the various options. See **Section 8.2** for more details.



Figure 5-12 Upgrade Software Screen

5.3.1.6 **Restart System Screen**



Figure 5-13 Restart System Screen

5.3.1.7 **Shutdown System Screen**

Selecting Shut Down will prompt a warning message shown in Figure 5-14. Select YES to turn the system off, select NO to return to the Operate Menu.

The Restart screen is used for rebooting the system if any major changes have been made. Select YES to proceed with a reboot or select no to return to the Operate menu.



Figure 5-14 Shut Down System Screen

5.3.2 Test Menu

The Test Menu provides access to testing and calibration of individual sensor inputs.

WARNING: If the Test Menu is selected during a sample event, that event will be stopped.



5.3.2.1 System Test Screen

The System Test screen displays the current ambient readings along with flow and leak tests. Its primary function is to allow testing of the sensor the array. It is also useful for troubleshooting when problems are detected or for general maintenance. See **Section 9.3** for more details.

System T	est		×
AT (C)	23.4	BP (mmHg)	728.9
Flow 1 (LPM)	0.0	Filter 1 (°C)	23.5
Flow 2 (LPM)	0.0		
Flow 3 (LPM)	0.0		
Flow 4 (LPM)	0.0		
Flow 5 (LPM)	0.0		
PUMP		Pump: Off Leak: Off	LEAK TEST

Figure 5-16 System Test Screen (SASS)

Temperature SensorsXTemperature SensorATSASS (°C)23.3Standard (°C)23.3DEFAULT3 PT CALCALIBRATE



The Temperature calibration screen is used to calibrate the temperature monitoring system of the SASS. Select the temperature sensor that requires calibration using the Temperature Sensor dropdown. The name will either be listed as "AT" for the outside ambient temperature sensor or "FT1" for the first canister temperature. A 3-point temperature calibration may also be performed if needed. See **Section 9.4.1** for detailed instructions.

5.3.2.2 Temperature Calibrate Screen

5.3.2.3 Pressure Calibrate Screen

This screen provides the options and indications needed to default, verify, and calibrate the SASS pressure sensor unit. This can be done as an independent verification or as part of the flow calibration procedure. See **Section 9.4.2** for more information.

Pressure Sensors	×	
Pressure Sensor	BP -	
SASS (mmHG)	728.7	
Standard (mmHg)	728.7	
DEFAULT	CALIBRATE	

Figure 5-18 Pressure Sensor Calibration Screen

Flow Calibrate		×
Flow Sensor	FI	ow 1 ·
Set Point (LPM)	6.7	
SASS (LPM)	0.0	
Reference (LPM)	0.0	
DEFAULT	SET	CALIBRATE

5.3.2.4 Flow Calibrate Screen

Figure 5-19 Clow Calibrate Screen

5.3.3 Setup Menu Screen

This screen provides the options and indications needed to default, verify, and calibrate the flow sensor as part of the flow audit and calibration procedures. To perform a calibration of volumetric flow, a reference standard is required. This 3point check is made on each individual flow channel. See **Section 9.4.3** for more information.

The SASS uses a comprehensive system of setup menus which contain all the settings and parameters needed for operation of the sampler. Most of these settings are set at factory default values. Some settings may be altered by the operator. This section describes the Setup Menu in detail and should be reviewed when the instrument is first put into service. Once set, most of the values in the Setup Menus will not need to be changed. The Setup Menu values will not be lost if the SASS is unplugged or powered down.



Figure 5-20 Test Menu

5.3.3.1 Event Defaults Screen

In this screen, default values for new sample events are set. These fields should be set to the most common values that are expected to be used when deploying the sampler. This will greatly reduce the required setup time when programming a sequence of sample events. Press the green box of the field that needs to be modified. Press the SET button to save each modification for Start Time and Duration.

×
00:00
01d 00h 00m
01d 00h 00m

Figure 5-21 Event Defaults Screen

5.3.3.2 Clear Memory Screen



Figure 5-22 Clear Memory Screen

5.3.3.3 Flow Sensor Screen

In this screen, flow sensor types are changed if flow sensors are replaced. The replacement sensor will have markings indicating if it is a 10 LPM or 20 LMP sensor. Each flow channel is listed with the corresponding flow sensor configuration next to it in an outlined green box. To change the configuration to match a replacement sensor, select the green box next to the correct channel. A dropdown will appear, select the proper flow designation to match the replacement flow sensor. The Clear Memory screen provides a means of clearing all the currently logged data. To clear the logged data, press the CLEAR button. This function should only be used when all data in the SASS has been collected and archived on other media such as a PC Computer. See **Section 9.5** for details.

Flow Sensor		\times
Channel 1	10 LPM	
Channel 2	10 LPM	
Channel 3	10 LPM	÷
Channel 4	10 LPM	
Channel 5	10 LPM	

Figure 5-23 Flow Sensor Screen

Note: This configuration is done at the factory, but it may become necessary to make a change if a field replacement is of a different type than the original.

5.3.3.4 Notification Screen

Notifications Config		×	
SMTP Server Address		smtp.gmail.com	
SMTP Server Port		58	7
Use SSL		\checkmark]
Sender's Address			
User Name			
Password			
RECIPIENTS	ENABLE	RESET	SAVE

Figure 5-24 Notification Configuration Screen

5.3.3.5 Logging Screen

This is where the unit can be configured to log diagnostic data to be used for troubleshooting purposes. This should only be done at the request of Met One Instruments Service personnel and should be disabled when not in use. Trace Logging Level provides all information available, whereas Debug logging provides less information. The Logging can be downloaded by inserting a USB stick into the front of the control box and pressing the EXPORT button.

5.3.3.6 Setup Display Screen



Figure 5-26 Setup Display

This is where the setup of notifications is performed. The unit will need to be configured with an ethernet connection (see **Section7.2.2**) to send notifications.

Logging	×
Logging Level	None
	None
	Trace Debug
Export Status	Waiting for User
EXPORT	

Figure 5-25 Logging Screen

This screen allows for adjustments to be made to the display brightness.

5.3.3.7 Set Clock Screen

This is where the date and time are set. Time is a 24-hour clock only. Press the green box of the field that needs to be modified. The numerical entry keypad will be displayed allowing users to enter the value for that parameter. Once all fields have been entered, press the Set button to set the clock.

Set Clo	ck		×
Year	2023	Hour	13
Month	5	Minute	33
Day	17	Second	54

Figure 5-27 Clock Screen

Users may enter a Unit ID number up to three digits long for the SASS. Press the

numerical entry keypad will be displayed. Enter the new Unit ID value. This ID number will be included in the data reports. The POC (Parameter Occurrence Code) can be entered if needed. This can be up to

green bordered value box and the

sixteen alphanumeric characters.

5.3.3.8 **Unit ID Screen**

Unit ID	×
Unit ID	1
POC	

Figure 5-28 Unit ID Screen

5.3.3.9 **Password Screen**

Menus and settings can be password protected. This screen is used to input a new password or change an existing password.

The factory-set password of Zero allows full access to all settings.

Press the green bordered value box to edit the password field. A numerical entry keypad will be displayed. Enter the new password, any one to four-digit combination may be used. When a password is set, no changes can be made to the system unless the correct password is entered.

Password Х Password 0

Figure 5-29 Password Screen

To change the password, input the current password to unlock all settings.

Setting the password to Zero will disable the need for a password.

NOTE: The system will need to be restarted for any password changes to take effect. See Section 8.2.2.1 to restart the system.

5.3.3.10 Ethernet Screen

Ethernet Config		×
IP Address Config	AUTO	
IP Address	192.168.1.214	
Subnet Mask	255.255.248.0	
Gateway	192.168.0.3	
MAC Address	C4:00:AD:92:B6:DD	
< >	REFRESH	SAVE

Figure 5-30 Ethernet Configuration Screen

5.3.3.11 Remote Access Screen

This screen allows for enabling/disabling remote access to the SASS control box. The startup behavior can be set to auto or manual. A password is required to use the remote access. This screen allows for setting/viewing the IP Address, Subnet Mask, and Gateway, and DNS Server values to allow the SASS to communicate on a local area network using a standard Ethernet cable connected to a switch or router. See **Section 7.2.1** for more details.

Remote Access Config		
Remote Access	ENABLED	
Startup Behavior	AUTO ·	
Set Password	*****	

Figure 5-31 Remote Access Config Screen

5.3.4 About Menu Screen

About	×	
Website	www.metone.com	
Serial Number	A99999, SASS 2 83330	
Firmware Revision	R1.03	
Display Version	V1.0.1, Rev 590	

Figure 5-32 About Menu Screen

This screen shows the monitor's serial number, installed firmware type, and version number along with Met One Instruments official web site.

6. SASS/SuperSASS SYSTEMS

A brief or detailed explanation of what happens during normal operations may be needed. If so, that information should be supplied here.

6.1 Basic Operations

The basic functionality of the SASS system is as follows:

- 1. Ambient air enters each selected canister, mounted within the solar radiation shield.
- 2. Particles larger than 2.5 μm (PM_{2.5}) aerodynamic diameter are removed by the Sharp-Cut Cyclone (SCC) inlet mounted with each canister.
- 3. The air sample passes through the optional denuder.
- 4. Remaining PM_{2.5} particles are collected via filter media installed within each canister.
- 5. Airflow exits the canister, through the sample tubing into the pump box, through the flow control system, through the pump, and is exhausted through a muffler, located inside the pump box.

6.2 SASS/SuperSASS Distinctions

This section describes the differences and system functions of the SASS and SuperSASS systems.

6.2.1 SASS Details

The SASS has five sample channels. Each channel contains its own temperature sensor and sample canister at the head. Channels one through three use an Active Flow Control (AFC) system located in the pump. Channels 4 and 5 use a Critical Orifice (CO) in the pump box, for flow regulation see **Figure 6-1**.



Figure 6-1 SASS Flow Diagram

Solar radiation shield, sample canisters, ambient temperature sensor, control box, and pump box.

6.2.2 SuperSASS Details

The Super Sass has eight sample channels. Each channel has a temperature sensor, and can have a sample canister connected, at the sass sampling head. Every flow channel has a black tube that runs from the SASS head, through the tripod mast, to the pump box. All flow channels have a designated quick connect point and shut off solenoid at the pump box. The pump connect points are labeled to correspond with the correct flow channel tube, numbers one through eight. The flow channels are grouped into pairs; each pair shares an active flow control system in the pump. Each flow system is made up of one flow sensor and one active flow controller making a total of four flow control systems. This means that only four channels can be running at one time if those channels are not paired to the same flow control system. The paired flow channels are illustrated in the list below.

- Channels 1 and 5
- Channels 2 and 6
- Channels 3 and 7
- Channels 4 and 8

PLEASE NOTE: Channels sharing a flow control system cannot be run simultaneously. Example: Channels one and five share a flow control system. If channel one is running a scheduled sample, its solenoid is open, and channel 5 solenoid is automatically closed. If channel 5 is running a scheduled sample, its solenoid is open, and Channel one solenoid is automatically closed. This applies for all paired channels.



Figure 6-2 SuperSASS Flow Diagram

Solar radiation shield, sample canisters, ambient temperature sensor, control box, and pump box.

6.3 Flow System

Ambient air enters programmed channel cyclones and canisters mounted within the solar radiation shield. Particles larger than the cutoff point rating on each cyclone is discarded into the cyclone's grit pot. Remaining particles are collected on the filter media installed within each canister. Canisters may be equipped with a denuder ahead of the filter to remove selected gaseous compounds.

The SASS flow system is shown in **Figure 6-1** and **Figure 6-2**. Individual flow lines lead from each sampling canister to the pump box mounted on the ground. The flow from each canister enters a volumetric flow controller.

The shut off fitting on the side of the pump box for each canister can be used to close sample lines not in use. Vacuum lines connect to individual flow sensors then to individual flow controllers which are connected to a common manifold. The manifold leads to the vacuum pump, all of which is housed in a fan-ventilated box.

The electronic mass flow sensor measures the sample flow rate, and the processor uses the filter temperature and barometric pressure reading to calculate and control actual volumetric flow at site conditions. These volumetric flow rates are shown instantaneously on the LCD display and logged on a five-minute average in the processor data logger.

Sample flow rates can be validated manually at the canister cyclone inlet before and after each sample event using an external NIST traceable device. Note: Met One Instruments Swift 25, a low pressure bubble meter, frictionless piston or venturi is recommended to properly calibrate the flow.

7. SASS/SuperSASS CONFIGURATION

The sections below explain the process for configuring the SASS/SuperSASS for operation.

7.1 System Setup

This section explains the items in the Setup Menu and how to program the SASS/SuperSASS system for operation.

7.1.1 Clock Setup

Setting the system clock is vital for proper operation because this controls scheduled events. **Be sure to set the clock before operating this system.**

See **Section 5.3.3.7** for details on setting the system Clock.

7.1.2 Unit ID Setup

See **Section 5.3.3.8** for details on setting up Unit ID.

7.1.3 Password

See **Section 5.3.3.9** for details on setting the password. When a password is confirmed, be sure to make note of that password for future uses. If the password is forgotten, Contact Met One Instruments service department at service@metone.com for guidance.

7.2 Communication Configuration

The SASS/SuperSASS can be set up to send notifications over a network connection if available at the sample site. This section describes the procedures for setting up ethernet communications, notifications, and remote access to the system.

7.2.1 Ethernet Setup

To utilize notifications or Remote Access. an Ethernet network connection must be established. The necessary values for this connection should be provided by the site's IT department. For Ethernet communications, it is recommended to configure the SASS with a fixed IP address using the STATIC IP Address Configuration option. However, if required, setting the IP Address Configuration to AUTO will enable the monitor to operate using DHCP. In this DHCP mode, manual input of DNS settings is not required, as the automatic IP address assignment includes the necessary DNS configuration.

Ethernet Config	×
IP Address Config	AUTO
IP Address	192.168.1.214
Subnet Mask	255.255.248.0
Gateway 192.168.0.3	
MAC Address	C4:00:AD:92:B6:DD
< >	REFRESH SAVE

Figure 7-1 Ethernet/IP Config

Ethernet Config		×
IP Address Config	AUT	0 .
IP Address	AUTO	
Subnet Mask	STATIC 255.255.248.0	
Gateway	192.168.0.3	
MAC Address	C4:00:AD:	92:BF:88
< >	REFRESH	SAVE

Figure 7-2 Ethernet Config Auto/Static Dropdown

Ethernet Config		×	
DNS Config	AUT	· O	
Preferred DNS Server	192.16	68.1.5	
Alternate DNS Server	0.0.0.0		
MAC Address	C4:00:AD:	92:B6:DD	
< >	REFRESH	SAVE	

Figure 7-3 DNS Config Screen

The left and right arrows at the bottom left of the ethernet Config screen will navigate between the IP Address and DNS config screens.

7.2.2 Notifications

Set up the SMTP (Standard Mail Transfer Protocol) Server Address and Server Port. If unknown, these can be found with a quick search or contacting the email provider. Put a check mark in the box if you want to use SSL (Secure Socket Layer).

The Sender's Address is the email that will send the notifications. The Username and Password is the same as used to sign into the sender's email.

Notifications Config		×	
SMTP Server A	ddress	smtp.gn	nail.com
SMTP Server P	ort	58	37
Use SSL			
Sender's Address			
User Name			
Password			
RECIPIENTS ENABLE		RESET	SAVE

Figure 7-4 Notification Configuration Screen

Notifications can be enabled/disabled by pressing the DISABLE/ENABLE button in the main Notifications screen.

Notification Recipients	×	Setup Recipient	×
Recipients		Туре	Email -
	Email Address	Email Address	Email
			Text
ADD MODIFY	DELETE		SAVE

Figure 7-5 Notification Recipients Screen

Figure 7-6 Notification Type Screen

Pressing the RECIPIENTS button will allow the user to add or modify notification recipients.

Recipients can choose to receive email or text SMS notifications. Select the box outlined in green to the right of "Type". A drop down will appear with "Email" or "Text". When the desired communication type is selected, simply input the email address or phone number and press save.

8. SASS/SuperSASS OPERATION

This section explains how to schedule events, transfer, and view data, update the system software and toggle power for the SASS/SuperSASS.

IMPORTANT: The SASS/SuperSASS system is sold calibrated, but is it recommended to audit the flow before deployment.

8.1 Event Manager

As stated in **Section 5.3.1.2**, the event manager screen is used to add new events, modify existing events, import events that have been created using FSComAQ software, and delete stored events.

8.1.1 Add Sample Events

Press the ADD button at the bottom left corner of the event manager main Screen (see **Figure 5-9 Event Manager**) to bring up the Event Add Screen.



Figure 8-1 Event Add Screen

Next, set the start time by pressing on the box next to Start Time outlined in green. Change this field to indicate the desired start date and time then press Set.



Figure 8-2 Event Start Time Screen

Once the start time is correct, verify the duration setting. The duration is the length of time the sampler will run the pump and collect particulate on the filter media. When the desired duration is selected, press set.



Figure 8-3 Sample Duration Screen

Event Add	×	
Start Time	2023-01-01 00:00:00	
Duration	1d 00h 00m	
Canister Set	{1} ·	
	{1,2} {1,2,3} {1,2,3,4} {1,2,3,4,5}	

Figure 8-4 Canister Set Dropdown

Pressing the Next button on the bottom right of the Event Add screen will then open a screen to assign a Filter ID to each of the canisters in use for the event. This is an optional step and may be skipped. Press Save after entering alpha-numeric IDs for the desired canisters to add the event. Select which canisters will run for the event in the Canister Set setting. Canisters can be grouped into sets depending on how many will be used during the sample event. {1,2,3,4,5 for SASS and, SuperSASS will add canisters 6,7,8}.

Event Add	×
Canister 1 Filter ID	
Canister 2 Filter ID	
Canister 3 Filter ID	
Canister 4 Filter ID	
Canister 5 Filter ID	
	SAVE

Figure 8-5 Event Add Canister ID Screen

NOTE: Only canisters in the selected group will be seen on this screen.

8.1.2 Modifying sample events

From the Operate Menu, select Event Manager to enter the Event Manager. Programmed events will be listed on this screen.

To review the settings for a particular event, select that event and press the Modify button.

Event details will be displayed just as they were when first added. The top of the screen will be labeled Modify Event. Simply modify the parameter and press the Save button to set the changes.

Event Ma	nager		×
Start Time	Dur	ation	Canisters
2023-08-18 00	01d 00	0h 00m	{1,2,3,4,5}
ADD	MODIFY	IMPORT	DELETE

Figure 8-6 Saved Event

8.1.3 Importing sample events

The FSCommAQ software package can be used to create a full event schedule on a computer. This schedule can then be saved to a USB storage device and loaded into the SASS sampler instead of manually configuring each event through the front panel display of the sampler. Note that the event schedule must be configured to match the serial number of the sampler. See the FSCommAQ software manual for instructions on creating the event schedule and saving it to the USB storage device. For compatibility, USB storage devices must be formatted with the FAT or FAT32 file system.

From the Event Manager screen, select the IMPORT button to enter the USB Import interface.

If it is not already installed, insert a USB storage device containing the event schedule into

the slot on the SASS control box.

Press the IMPORT button and the sampler will locate the pre-configured schedule and import it, integrating the new events with the remaining events already in the event queue.

8.1.4 Deleting Sample Events

From the Operate Menu, select the Event Manager to enter the Event Manager interface. Any programmed events will be listed on this screen.

To remove a particular event, first select it and press the Delete button. The Event Delete screen will be displayed. If this is the desired event to delete, press the Delete button to erase it.

8.2 Historical Events

Explanation of all screens and how to navigate those screens.

The Historical Events menu is comprised of nine screens. Each screen provides information for the following event subjects: Event Summary, Volume Summary, Min/Max (pages one and two), Max Delta-T, Warnings, Real Time Values and 5-Min averages.

8.2.1 Historical Events Navigation Guide

- Event Record Number indicates the number for the currently viewed event to total stored events.
- Event Navigation:
 - $\circ~$ (Left Arrow) moves from newest to oldest events.
 - (Right Arrow) moves from oldest to newest events.
- Screen navigation arrows (up and down) move between the nine event subjects.



Figure 8-7 Historical Events Main

NOTE: Navigation in Historical Events remains the same for every screen.

Historica	al Events	-	×
Volume Summary	Event	(1 / 5)	2023-08-18 11:04:23
Channel	Volume (m ³)	Flow (LPM)	CV (%)
1	0.0	0.0	4688.1
2	0.0	0.0	5106.7
3	0.0	0.0	21998.0
4	-0.0	-0.0	0.0
5	0.0	0.1	1881.4
<	>	~	^

Figure 8-8 Volume Summary

Historical	Events		×
Min/Max (Page 2)	Event	(1 / 5)	2023-08-18 11:04:23
Channel	Max	Mean	Min
AT (°C)	-50.8	-50.8	-50.8
BP (mmHg)	720.1	720.1	720.1
BT (°C)	36.1	36.1	36.1
<	>	~	^

Figure 8-10 Min/Max (2)

Histo	orical E	vents		×
Warnings		Event (1 / 5)		2023-08-18 11:04:23
Elapsed Tim	e: 00:00:20			
Channel	Warning	Filter ∆T (°C)	Warning	Flow (LPM)
1	÷	-	-	131
2			-	-
3			-	÷
4			+	- Que
5				
<		>	~	^

Figure 8-12 Warnings





Historical	Events		×
Min/Max (Page 1)	Ev	ent (1 / 5)	2023-08-18 11:04:23
Channel	Max	FT Mean (°C)	Min
1	-50.8	-50.8	-50.8
<	>	~	^

Figure 8-9 Min/Max (1)

Histori	cal Even	ts	×
Max Delta-T	1	Event (1 / 5)	2023-08-18 11:04:23
Channel	Max ∆T (°C)	Occu	irrence
1	0.0	2023-08-1	18 11:04:43
<	>	×	^

- 11 Max Deita- I rigure o

Historical Ev	×	
Power Interuptions	Event (1 / 5)	2023-08-18 11:04:23
1	6	
2	7	
3	8	
4	9	
5	10	
<	> v	^

Figure 8-13 Power Interruption

Historical Events						×
5-Minute Av	erages		Event (1 / 5)		2023-08-	18 11:04:23
Channel	Flow (LPM)	FT (°C)	∆T (°C)	AT (°C)	BP (mmHg)	BT (°C)
1	0.0	-50.7	0.1	-50.8	718.7	35.7
2	0.0					
3	0.0					
4	0.0					
5	0.0					
<		>		~		^

Figure 8-15 5-Minute Averages

8.2.2 System ON/Off Options

There are two options to cycle the system power, Restart System and shutdown System. This section describes how to cycle the system power using the interface and the reasons for those options.

8.2.2.1 Restart System

Perform a warm reboot of the controller. Use this feature if your system is experiencing unexpected results and you want to perform a clean startup. Pressing this button will display a warning message asking for confirmation of this action. Press the Yes button to continue with the restart. Press the No button to abort this action and return to the Operate screen.



Figure 8-16 Restart Screen

8.2.2.2 Shutdown System



Figure 8-17 Shutdown Screen

Perform a shutdown of the controller. Use this feature to cleanly shutdown the software prior to removing power prior to disassembly and transport. Pressing this button will display a warning message asking for confirmation of this action. Press the Yes button to continue with the shutdown. Press the No button to abort this action and return to the Operate screen.

8.2.3 Data Transfer

Copying data to a USB storage device is performed from this screen.

NOTE: For compatibility, USB flash drives must be formatted with the FAT or FAT32 file system.

The Days field determines how many records will be downloaded. If it is necessary to change the number of days being copied, press the green bordered value box and the numerical entry keypad (**Figure 5-5**) will be displayed. Enter the number of days between 0 and 999. Selecting 0 will download all data.

Copy to USB	×		
Days	All Days		
COPY			

Figure 8-18 Copy to USB Screen

Data transfer will save a .BIN file containing event records and a .DAT file containing data log records. These files can be viewed and converted to .csv with the FSCommAQ software.

8.2.3.1 Remote Access

Data stored in the SASS system can be downloaded remotely when a network connection is established using FSComAQ software. The software can be accessed at metone.com and downloaded onto a computer.

See **Section 5.3.3.11** for details on setting up Remote access.

9. MAINTENANCE and TROUBLESHOOTING

This section provides information about routine maintenance, identifying errors and performing diagnostic tests if a problem is encountered. The TEST menu functions are also described in this section.

Little maintenance is required for the operation of the SASS Sampler System. The following procedures should be followed for reliable continuous operation of the system. Most maintenance involves inspection of components for damage or wear, as well as performing regular checks and calibrations of the system. It is recommended that all maintenance and troubleshooting activities be recorded in the site notebook.

The SASS system contains both electronic and pneumatic components. Historically the vacuum pumps of most ambient air sampling systems require at least annual maintenance. The dual headed Thomas™ diaphragm pump used in the SASS can be removed by the operator from the field and new diaphragms and valves placed into the pump ensuring another year of operation without failure.

The O-rings used in the SASS are made from Viton[™] rubber. These O-rings should continue to provide a leak free system for several years. However, if leaks are detected during operation or during leak checking, these O-rings could be leaking. It is recommended to replace O-rings every two to three years depending on use and wear. However, they should be inspected on a regular basis.

9.1 Recommended Periodic Maintenance Table

Table 9-1 shows the recommended interval for the regular maintenance, field checks, and service tasks.

Table 9-1 Recommended Maintenance Schedule for the SASS/SuperSASS Sampler

Maintenance Item	Period
Leak Check	Monthly
Flow system check/audit.	Monthly
Ambient and flow temperature sensor check/audit	Monthly
Clean PM _{2.5} cyclone particle trap.	Monthly
Check or set real-time clock.	Monthly
Verify proper pump and box fan operation.	Monthly
Inspect canister, cyclone,	Monthly
Complete flow system calibration.	Quarterly
Completely disassemble and clean PM _{2.5} cyclones.	Quarterly
Inspect and replace internal debris filters as needed.	6 Months
Rebuild vacuum pump (use rebuild kit)	Annually
Replace O-rings	Annually
System Cleaning	Quarterly

9.2 System Maintenance

Each time the system canisters are replaced, or as deemed necessary, the solar radiation shield of the sampler head should be cleaned with a wet cloth or, if required, a dilute soap and water solution. Dirt buildup on the shield can reduce the effectiveness of the reflective surface and cause the temperature to rise inside the shield.

The pump housing should be inspected and cleaned at least every quarter by removing the four screws on the corners and lifting the cover up and out of the way. Using a brush, or a compressed air source, clean the insides of the enclosure and in particular, the screen located below the pump assembly. When completed, replace the cover by tightening down the two screws located on the fan exhaust side first, and then "snug" the two screws on the opposite end of the enclosure.

The control box and cables should be inspected for damage or dirt and dust accumulation. The control box can be cleaned with a wet cloth or if required a diluted soap and water solution. The screen of the control box electronics should not be cleaned with a damp cloth, and no liquids should be allowed to enter the electronics package.

9.2.1 System Inspection (during normal operations)

As part of normal maintenance and operation, various components of the system should be inspected for wear and damage. <u>Most inspections rely on visual checks during normal</u> <u>operation and should be performed regularly.</u>

- Inspect the Sass Head radiation shield (round flat disk mounted above the SASS head) for excessive buildup of dust and dirt.
- Check black vacuum hoses and quick connectors for any wear or damage.
- The control box, cables and connectors should be inspected for corrosion, damage, dirt, or dust accumulation. (Connector contact points, male connector pins and mating connectors, can develop corrosion over time.
- Each time canisters are removed, visually inspect canister and SCC O-rings for cracks or damage.
- Each time the cyclones are removed, unscrew grit pot (See **Figure 4-12**), and dump out any dirt that may have collected as part of a routine maintenance program.
- Confirm all tripod anchor points.

9.2.2 System Cleaning

Dirt buildup on the SASS head radiation shield can reduce effectiveness of the reflective surface and cause the temperature to rise inside the shield. A wet cloth or, if required, a diluted soap and water solution can be used to clean buildup on most surfaces. When the system canisters are replaced (as deemed necessary), inspect the sampler head solar radiation shield for excessive buildup. The pump housing should be inspected and cleaned at least every quarter by removing the four corner screws and lifting the cover off the chassis. Using a brush or a compressed air source, clean inside the enclosure as well as the screen located below the pump assembly. When completed, replace the pump box cover by sliding it back into place. Tighten the two screws located on the fan exhaust side first, and then snug the two screws on the opposite end of the enclosure.

The control box can be cleaned with a wet cloth, or if required, diluted soap and water solution. The control box electronics screen should only be cleaned with a soft, dry cloth, and no liquids should be allowed to enter the electronics package.

9.2.3 Denuder Replacement

Following the normal test sequence of the EPA Trends network, the MgO denuder will need replacement approximately every three months of operation or as required by the US-EPA. Under the EPA Trends program, the denuders are replaced by the third-party vendor performing the analysis of the filters. The third-party vendor is replacing filters and denuders in each canister; sufficient denuders should be supplied based on the three months of operation being typical.

Met One Instruments recommends that the MgO coated aluminum multicell coated material be provided by Met One Instruments. Customers who wish to do their own coating can contact Met One Instruments for cut and cleaned multicell material which is

pushed into the Denuder sleeve aluminum ring for use in the sampling canister. Customers can purchase Multicell aluminum material from a sole source manufacturing company but that material must be cleaned and properly coated.

Operational life expectancy of the MgO coated aluminum Denuder is six months in an urban airshed like Los Angeles. Re-coating of the material is not practical nor recommended.

The Met One Instruments MgO Coating Procedure for replacement denuder material is detailed below.

NOTE: Users should consult the factory for the correct coating process.

NOTE: Laboratory Safety and Personal Protection Procedures Shall be applied.

WARNING: Use of gloves and a respirator is required.

- 1. The aluminum multicell material is washed in an ultrasonic bath under an explosionproof fume hood for five minutes using methanol.
- 2. Air dry to complete dryness. Use of filtered laboratory air is necessary for quick drying.
- 3. Pour approximately 150ml of methanol (CH3OH) into a clean glass beaker.
- 4. Place a #150 mesh Stainless Steel screen over the top opening of the beaker.
- 5. Using gloves, place MgO power reagent on top of the screen and using a clean spatula press the MgO through the screen into the CH3OH.
- 6. Mix thoroughly.
- 7. Using gloves, hand dip the multicell material into the slurry by dipping both one side and then the other to thoroughly coat the internal surfaces of the hexagonal cells.
- 8. Using filtered laboratory air in a hood, rotate the coated multicell material and blow-filtered air over the surface until the MgO starts to dry to the touch. Approximately 1 minute is necessary before it can be set down.
- 9. Set coated denuder in clean area and let dry 24 hours before packaging or use.

9.3 System Test/Leak Check

System Tests and leak checks are done from the System Test screen of the Test Menu. This screen runs a function check of all major sensors which include Temperature, Pressure, and flow.

Before a leak test can be done the flow control valves must be operating at 6.7 LPM (+/-0.2). Check for this operating point by pressing the PUMP button to turn the pump ON and wait at least 5 to 10 minutes for the 6.7 LPM operating point to be reached. Once this operating point has been reached press the LEAK TEST button to put the unit in leak test mode (Note: The leak test mode turns OFF motor control to the flow control valves).

System T	est		×
AT (C)	23.4	BP (mmHg)	728.9
Flow 1 (LPM)	0.0	Filter 1 (°C)	23.5
Flow 2 (LPM)	0.0		
Flow 3 (LPM)	0.0		
Flow 4 (LPM)	0.0		
Flow 5 (LPM)	0.0		
PUMP		Pump: Off Leak: Off	LEAK TEST

Figure 9-1 System Test Leak

While the pump is operating and flow values are being displayed, block off the inlet tube of the Cyclone of canister #1. The flow value for Flow 1 should drop to a 0.0 or 0.1 LPM, indicating that there are no detected leaks in the components of the first canister. Continue this procedure for the remaining canisters and make sure the flow drops to a 0.0 or 0.1 LPM. A flow reading greater than this, on any of the canister channels, indicates that there is a leak in that portion of the system. Testing individual sections of the system can identify the location of the leak.

9.3.1 System Leak Check Procedure

- 1. Disconnect the vacuum line from the sample head at the side of the pump box. The flow for that channel should drop to 0.0 LPM. This indicates that the leakage path is between the pump and the sample head.
- 2. Reconnect the vacuum line to the pump box. Remove the canister from the sample head and block off the vacuum line connection that would have been inserted into the canister. If the flow value drops to 0.0 LPM, then the leakage is either in the connection between this point and the canister or the cyclone.
- 3. Remove the cyclone from the canister and plug the bottom of the canister. Install the canister in the sample head and examine the flow value. It should drop to 0.0 LPM. It if indicates a leak then the seal between the sample head and the canister is at fault (check to see if the O-rings are in good condition). The other possibility is that the canister is not correctly assembled and a leakage path around the two sections of the canister exists. A 0.0 LPM reading would indicate the problem is in the cyclone.

4. Replace the cyclone on the canister; if the flow channel indicates a leak, then the problem is with the cyclone. Verify that the O-ring seals on the cyclone are intact and have not been damaged. If they are cut or have any other type of damage, they must be replaced. If the flow reads 0.0 LPM then the problem is fixed, and there is no leakage in the system. The original indication was probably caused by a poor initial connection when the canister or cyclone was installed in the sample head. This now verifies that the vacuum system is intact, and everything is working correctly.

9.4 Calibration Procedures

The calibration procedure performed in the field for the SASS is flow rate measurement, filter temperature, ambient temperature, and barometric pressure measurement. Using a set of NIST traceable standards, for volumetric flow, barometric pressure and temperature, the SASS unit can be easily calibrated using the calibration screens in the Test Menu of the SASS Control Unit.

Note: Before performing any calibrations, allow the system to warm up for at least forty-five minutes.

9.4.1 Temperature Calibration

Temperature sensor audits and calibrations are performed in the Temperature Calibrate Screen of the Test Menu. Before beginning it will be necessary to have a reference temperature measurement device that has a calibration traceable to NIST or other approved calibration authority.

To perform an audit, select the temperature sensor that is to be audited. The name will either be listed as "AT" for the outside ambient temperature sensor and "FT1" for canister 1 temperature. SASS. This is initiated by pressing the 3 PT CAL button.

Temperature Sensors X		Temperature Sensors X		
Temperature Sensor	AT ·	Temperature Sensor	AT -	
SASS (°C)	23.3	SASS (°C)	AT FT1	
Standard (°C)	23.3	Standard (°C)	23.3	
DEFAULT	3 PT CAL CALIBRATE	DEFAULT	3 PT CAL CALIBRATE	

Figure 9-2 Temperature Calibrate Screen with Selection Choices

One good reference point for the ambient temperature sensor measurement is "ice point" (0°C / 32°F) the second being some elevated temperature above 20°C. During the summer, the local ambient temperature may provide a suitable second temperature for calibration. The ice bath consists of a slurry of distilled water and ice chips that has been stirred to produce a 0°C temperature bath as measured with the reference thermometer. A wide mouth thermos bottle works well for temperature tests.

3 Pt Temp Cal	×
Set Point	Ambient -
Temp Sensor FT1 (°C)	Hot Ambient
Reference (°C)	Cold 23.3
DEFAULT	CALIBRATE

Figure 9-3 3 Point Temp Calibration Screen

Remove the ambient temperature probe from the shield by removing the three hexagonal nuts that hold the ring in place under the shield. Now using the ice point bath with the reference thermometer, immerse the sensor portion of the ambient temperature probe into the ice mixture. After about 1 minute of time to allow for stabilization, compare the displayed value of the Temp Sensor AT to the reference thermometer. The temperature should be within ±2°C of the reference thermometer. Next using a second thermos bottle with a warm water mixture of approximately 30°C immerse the temperature probe and compare the reference thermometer in the bath with the measured value indicated for Temp Sensor AT. The temperature should be within ±2°C of the reference thermometer is not necessary to calibrate the ambient temperature probe. If the temperature is more than the tolerance, use the following procedure to reset the calibration of the ambient temperature probe.

- 1. In the 3 Pt Temp Cal screen, change the Set Point to Ambient.
- 2. Place the reference temperature sensor near ambient temperature sensor as close as practical. Allow the sensors enough time to fully equilibrate. Enter the value measured from the reference temperature sensor in the bottom Reference window. Press the CALIBRATE button on the bottom right of the screen.
- 3. In the 3 Pt Temp Cal screen, change the Set Point to Cold.
- 4. Insert the probe in the ice bath with the reference temperature sensor and allow several minutes for the measurements to stabilize. It is best to try and stir the bath while both probes are in the ice mixture. When the probes are stable, enter the value measured from the reference temperature sensor in the bottom Reference window. Press the CALIBRATE button on the bottom right of the screen.
- 5. Change the Set Point to Hot.

- 6. Now insert the probe in the heated water mixture and allow time for the probe and the reference thermometer to stabilize. When the probes are stable, enter the value measured from the reference thermometer in the bottom Reference window. Press the CALIBRATE button on the bottom right of the screen.
- 7. This calibrated the temperature probe to the reference temperature sensor. Re-run the temperature checks previously outlined and verify that at the two measurement points the temperatures are within the ±2°C tolerance. If they are not, press the DEFAULT button to return the sensor to its factory default settings and then rerun the calibration test one more time.
- 8. If it fails the test a second time, there is the possibility that the temperature probe is damaged and will need to be replaced. If a new probe is installed, be sure to set the replacement probe using the "DEFAULT" button. This will return to the original measurement factors.

This same procedure can also be used for the filter temperature measurement, except for the temperature check, use the local ambient temperature as a single reference point. From the Temperature Calibrate screen (refer to **Figure 9-2**), select FT1. Insert a temperature probe into the open hole after canister #1 has been removed. Allow 10 minutes for the temperatures to stabilize, and then compare the reference thermometer with the filter temperature screen. They should be within $\pm 2^{\circ}$ C of each other. If the error is greater, enter the value measured from the reference thermometer in the bottom Reference window and press the CALIBRATE button.

9.4.2 Pressure Calibration

The Pressure Calibrate screen provides the calibration screen for the calibration of the pressure sensor in the SASS unit. The pressure is used by the flow monitoring system to determine the volumetric flow from the measured mass flow sensors.

Pressure Sensors	×	
Pressure Sensor	BP -	
SASS (mmHG)	728.7	
Standard (mmHg)	728.7	
DEFAULT	CALIBRATE	

Figure 9-4 Pressure Calibrate Screen

Compare the current SASS pressure measurement with a reference barometer to make a preliminary audit check. The pressure indicated for the SASS should be within ±10 mmHg of the reference pressure device. If the measurement is more than this value, then it is necessary to recalibrate the pressure sensor in the SASS.

Enter the barometric pressure value from the reference in the Standard box and press the CALIBRATE button. If the SASS pressure does not change to within 10 mmHg of the reference standard, press the DEFAULT button to return the sensor to its factory default settings and then rerun the calibration test one more time.

9.4.3 Flow Audit and Calibration

The Flow Calibrate screen provides the calibration screen for the calibration of the flow sensor in the SASS unit.

Flow Calibrate X			Flow Calibrate			
Flow Sensor	Fl	ow 1 -	Flow Sensor	FI	ow 1 -	
Set Point (LPM)		5.7 ·	Set Point (LPM)	Flow 1 Flow 2		
SASS (LPM)		0.0	SASS (LPM)	Flow 3 Flow 4		
Reference (LPM)	0.0		Reference (LPM)		0.0	
DEFAULT	SET	CALIBRATE	DEFAULT	SET	CALIBRATE	

Figure 9-5 Flow Calibrate Screen

It will be necessary to have some type of reference flow device that has a calibration that is traceable to NIST, or some other approved calibration authority before beginning the calibration. The best type of flow unit to use is one that is a direct reading device that has minimal inline flow restriction. Some of the flow measurement devices can restrict the flow to a point that it is difficult to measure at the operating flow rate of the system.

It is recommended that the SASS pump be run for approximately 20 minutes to allow the flow system to reach operating temperature before performing a flow calibration.

Using a flow test device, and any adapter that might be necessary to adapt to the input tube of the cyclone, measure the flow at each of the canisters. The cyclone inlet adapter part number 8959 can be used. Use the Flow Sensor drop down menu to select each of the flow line positions. The SASS has 8 flow monitors. These drop-down selections are used to change the channel being monitored. All measured flows should be within +0.1 to -0.2 LPM of the reference standard or 6.6 to 6.9 LPM with a target of 6.7 LPM. If any value is more than this tolerance, enter the value of the reference in the Reference box and then press the "SET" button for each Set point. Then press the "CALIBRATE" button to recalibrate the channel. This will enter in the correctly measured value for that channel. Use this same procedure for any other channels that may require recalibration.

If the flow sensor does not regulate to the flow set point after performing the calibration, press the "DEFAULT" button to return the sensor to its factory default settings and then rerun the calibration test one more time.
9.4.4 Flow Sensor Replacement

If it is found that flow sensors need to be replaced, See **Section 5.3.3.3** Flow Sensor for instructions on adjusting settings for the replacement sensors.

9.5 Clear Memory

The Clear Memory screen provides a means of clearing all the currently logged data. To clear the logged data, press the CLEAR button. This function should only be used when all data in the SASS has been collected and archived on other media such as a PC Computer using FSCommAQ software.



Figure 9-6 Clear Memory Screen

IMPORTANT: It is recommended to clear the SASS memory after data is transferred or downloaded to an external storage device or local network.

9.6 Basic Problem and Cause/Solution Table

The following table contains information on some of the more common problems that may be encountered, and some steps to identify and remedy the problems. Met One Instruments welcomes customer suggestions for new items to include in this section of future manual revisions. If the solution cannot be found in the following table, then contact one of our expert service technicians for help in resolving the problem.

Problem:	The airflow won't regulate at the correct rate of 6.7 lpm.
Cause/Solution:	 This usually indicates that the air pump is losing vacuum capacity due to wear.
	• Check for leaks. Leaks will often cause the inlet flow to be low even though the flow sensor is measuring the correct flow rate. This is because the flow sensor is downstream of the filter cassette. Correct any leaks found.
	 Perform a flow calibration. If the flow regulates at the lower calibration point, but not the higher point, the pump is probably worn out or there is a leak.
	 Check the inlets, hoses (in pump and from sample head), and PM heads for obstructions.

Problem:	The sampler has flow leaks, even after cleaning.		
Cause/Solution:	 Check the O-rings on the very sharp-cut cyclone (if used). These frequently leak. 		
	Check for bad O-rings on all other components.		
	Check all of the push-in air fittings throughout the air flow system.		

Problem:	The clock settings are lost when the SASS is powered down.
Cause/Solution:	 There is a lithium coin cell battery inside the mass monitor that maintains the clock when the mass monitor is powered off. The battery may need to be replaced if the clock resets when the mass monitor is powered off.

9.7 Additional Error Correction Instructions

9.7.1 Link Down Error

Error occurs when communication is lost with pump box. Warning may resolve itself. If the warning continues, consult Met One Instruments service department.



Figure 9-7 Link Down Screen

10. DATA RETRIEVAL

The following sections explain the process and tools required to retrieve data from the SASS. The SASS can copy data files directly to a user-supplied USB storage device. The SASS control box can be connected to a local network via an ethernet cable to download data using Met One Instruments FSComAQ software.

10.1 USB Memory Device

The SASS can copy data files directly to a user-supplied USB storage device. This drive must be installed in the USB port located on the control box panel.

IMPORTANT: For compatibility, USB storage devices must be formatted with the FAT or FAT32 file system.

Copy to USB	×	Days				
Days	All Days	0 is A	1	2	3	
				4	5	6
			0	7	8	9
					0	
СОРҮ		ОК	CANCEL	DELET	E	CLEAR

Figure 10-1 Copy to USB Storage Device

Copying data to a USB memory stick is performed from this screen. For compatibility, USB storage devices must be formatted with the FAT or FAT32 file system.

The Days field determines how many records will be downloaded. If it is necessary to change the number of days being copied, press the green bordered value box and the numerical entry keypad will be displayed. Enter the number of days between 0 and 999. Selecting "0" will download all data.

Data transfer will save a .BIN file containing event records and a .DAT file containing data log records. These files can be viewed and converted to .csv with the FSCommAQ software.

10.2 FSCommAQ Software

The FSCommAQ software and manual are available from the Met One Instruments website at www.metone.com/software. Software version 1.4.11 or higher must be used with SASS systems.

Data retrieved from the SASS can be viewed and converted to .csv or .txt file format using the FSCommAQ software package.

The FSCommAQ software package can be used to create a full event schedule on a computer. This schedule can then be saved to a USB storage device and loaded into the I-SASS sampler instead of manually configuring each event through the front panel display of the sampler. Note that the event schedule must be configured to match the serial number of the sampler. See the FSCommAQ software manual for instructions on creating the event schedule and saving it to the USB storage device. For compatibility, USB storage devices must be formatted with the FAT or FAT32 file system.

11. SPARE PARTS and ACCESSORIES

11.1 Consumables, Replacement Parts, and Accessories

The following parts are available from Met One Instruments for maintenance, replacement, service, and upgrades. If unsure about a part, please contact the Service department and provide the serial number of all applicable SASS components. Some of these parts require technical skills or special considerations before use or installation.

Consumables

Description	Part Number
47 mm 2 micron pore-size Teflon filters (50/pkg)	460137
47 mm quartz-fiber filters (50/pkg)	460139
47 mm 1-micron pore-size nylon filters (100/pkg)	460141
Coated Mg-O denuder w/mounting ring	8382
Denuder, MgO Coated	8375
O-Ring Replacement Kit, SASS Flow Controller	80641
O-Ring Set for SASS Canister	8657
O-Ring Set for 8670 Cyclone	8658

Accessories

Description	Part Number
Temperature Sensor (-30° to +50° C)	065
Temperature Sensor Radiation Shield with Mounting	074
SCC Cyclone, SASS	8670
SASS speciation Sample Canister	8370
SASS Control Box, Touch Screen	83375
SASS Pump Box Upgrade Kit (for touch screen upgrade)	83376
47mm Filter Holder, White Ring	460128

Replaceable Parts

Description	Part Number
Sampling Head PCBA Board	3510
Flow Sensor	8424
SCC Grit Pot (Cap)	8664
Internal Temperature Sensor, SASS Head	8877
Solenoid Valve Assy (Sample Flow Line Select)	8893
Solenoid Valve Assy (SASS Pump Bypass	8894
Flow Controller Assembly	9053
Pump Box Circuit Board Stack – SuperSASS	80474
Switching 12V Power Supply, Universal Input	510636
SASS Pump Exhaust Muffler	580293
Pump Main Exhaust Muffler	580297
Inline Filter	580299
Quick Connect Adapter with Shut-Off (1/8" MPT)	580010
Quick Connect Adapter with Shut-Off, Panel Mount (1/4" Barb)	580012
Muffin Fan Motor (12V DC)	590052
15 Amp Fuse	590816
Vacuum Diaphragm Pump, 120 VAC, 60 HZ	680832
Vacuum Pump, 240 VAC, 50 HZ	82936
8A, 240V Fast-Acting Fuse	590848
Tubing, Polyethylene .170 ID X 1/4" OD (Black)	960020
Tubing, 1/4" ID X 3/8" OD, PVC With Hytrel Lining	960205

Cables

Description	Part Number
Cable, Pump Box to Control Box (Communication)	8833
Cable, Ambient Temp Sensor	8838
Cable, Sampling Head to Pump Box	8896
Cable, Pump Box Ground Cable Assembly	9035

Calibration Tools

Description	Part Number
Field Temperature Calibrator	9099
Flow Calibration Meter	SWIFT 25.0

Audit Sheet

Model:	Serial Number:	
Audit Date:	Audited By:	

Flow Audits					
Flow Reference Standard Used:	Model:	Serial No:	Calibration Date:		
Temperature Standard Used:	Model:	Serial No:	Calibration Date:		
Barometric Pressure Standard Used:	Model:	Serial No:	Calibration Date:		
Leak Check Value:	as Ipm Ind:	as left:	lpm		

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		E-SEQ- FRM	Ref. Std.		E-SEQ- FRM	Ref. Std.		
Ambient Temperature:	as found:	С	С	as left:	С	С	N/A	
Barometric Pressure:	as found:	mmHg	mmHg	as left:	mmHg	mmHg		
Flow Rate (Actual Volumetric):	as found:	lpm	lpm	as left:	lpm	lpm	N/A	

Mechanical Audits



	Error	Date	Time		Error	Date	Time
1				4			
2				5			
3				6			
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Audit Notes:

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Manual Notes:	