

LPA-1

Lead Paint Analysis System

User's Guide



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I. Part I: Background and Safety

A. Introduction

The LPA-1 Lead Paint Analyzer is a complete lead paint analysis system which quickly, accurately, and nondestructively measures the concentration of lead-based paint on surfaces. The LPA-1 system includes three main components: (1) The LPA-1 Analyzer, which is a portable analytical instrument operating on the principles of X-ray fluorescence. (2) A unique worksheet and clipboard, which allow for rapid and convenient recording of data. (3) Report generation software with an intuitive interface screen, which allows for efficient generation of reports integrated with measurement data; or as an option, the field report generation system. In addition, the LPA-1 system includes a carrying case, a battery charger, a spare battery pack, and a communication cable.

Each Analyzer contains a small, sealed radioactive source. The radiation emitted by the LPA-1, is substantially lower than is allowed by federal regulations. This manual provides the information necessary for the safe handling and reliable operation of the LPA-1 system. When used according to these instructions, the LPA-1 provides a fast and easy method for measuring lead in paint with no hazard to the operator or the environment.

B. X-Ray Fluorescence

1. X-Ray Fluorescence

X-ray fluorescence (XRF) is a common analytical technique used to quantitatively measure the concentration level of elements in solid or liquid materials. In this technique, the sample is bombarded by some form of ionizing radiation such as X-rays, or gamma-rays, which can cause the atoms of the sample to emit characteristic X-rays. These characteristic X-rays from the sample, known as the fluorescent X-rays, can be detected and analyzed to provide information as to what concentration of atoms are contained in the sample. Since this technique does not harm the sample in any way, it is considered a nondestructive testing technique and is attractive for many types of field measurements. Atoms of every element emit a unique pattern of X-rays when they are excited by higher energy X- or gamma rays. The atom is excited when the primary bombarding radiation has sufficient energy to completely remove an electron from the inner shell of the atom. The atom then relaxes to its original states by emitting an X-ray with a specific energy level which is characteristic of that element. The characteristic X-rays are like finger prints of the various elements.

In atoms, electrons are arranged in several different energy levels, which are labeled K, L, M, N, etc. and each of these levels produces a separate set of X-rays. The K-shell corresponds to the most tightly bound electrons and produces the highest energy fluorescent X-rays. The L-shell corresponds to the second most tightly bound electrons and produces the second highest energy X-rays. Typically, the L-X-rays have only one-seventh as much energy as the K-X-rays and are often completely or partially absorbed by other atoms in the sample before they can escape from the surface of the sample for analysis.

XRF is fast, requires no sample preparation, and is nondestructive. It was for these features that XRF was chosen as the basic principle for the LPA-1 Lead Paint Analyzer.

The LPA-1 implements the X-ray fluorescent technique by using a sealed radioactive source (Cobalt-57) inside the instrument to excite the atoms in the sample to produce fluorescent X-rays. When gamma-rays spontaneously emitted by the Cobalt-57 source strike the painted surface, lead atoms in the paint are “excited” and respond by emitting their own characteristic X-rays of unique energies. This response is known as fluorescence.

Inside the LPA-1 Analyzer is a special X-ray detector which senses the X-rays and determines what fraction of the rays have an energy which is characteristic of lead fluorescence. It is the output of this detector which is used by the Analyzer to measure the amount of lead in the sample.

While XRF is a rather sophisticated technical field, a detailed knowledge of XRF is not required by an inspector to obtain an accurate measurement of the lead content of a painted surface. However, for those desiring more detailed information, a number of good references on XRF are listed in Appendix I.

2. X-Ray Fluorescence and the LPA-1 Analyzer

There are several important points to consider when working with the LPA-1 Analyzer. First, the LPA-1, unlike some other analyzers, relies on the measurement of the K-X-rays to determine the amount of lead present in the painted surface. Since the K-X-rays have higher energy than the L-X-rays and can penetrate further through the sample without being absorbed, the volume of the sample which is interrogated by the Analyzer is relatively deep. This larger sample volume provides a more reliable and precise analysis than would be obtained with the

lower energy, L-X-rays. Furthermore, unlike the L-X-rays, K-X-rays can penetrate many layers of paint and allow a good measurement of the lead content of paint to be made without being significantly affected by the thickness or number of layers of paint on the surface of the sample.

In addition, there is no common element present in paint that exhibits K-X-rays at an energy level close to lead K-X-rays. With L-X-rays there are many elements, such as zinc, bromine, arsenic, etc., whose K-X-rays are either identical or very close to lead L-X-rays. This phenomenon, which is known as “Matrix Effect”, causes interference which requires judgment by the operator to discern between lead and interfering elements. The LPA-1 avoids operator judgment, which is subjective and may lead to error in actual lead evaluation.

The LPA-1 is a spectrum analyzer, meaning that it can reject the signal from X-rays of unwanted energies. Although the lead atoms emit X-rays at a unique energy, some of the gamma-rays emitted by the Cobalt-57 (Co^{57}) “scatter” or bounce off the painted surface into the LPA-1 detector, and some of these rays have an energy close to that of the lead K-X-rays. This is called “Compton Scattering.” The number of these scattered gamma rays depends very strongly on the nature of the substrate under the paint. For example, many more gamma-rays scatter off steel and concrete than scatter off wood or drywall. In order to compensate for this scatter, the LPA-1 measures the number of X-rays and gamma-rays at many energies and then automatically computes a correction for the substrate by mathematically separating the scatter contribution. This analysis of the energy spectrum means that the lead paint reading displayed by the instrument has been corrected already for any substrate effects and no manual correction is required by the operator.

The LPA-1 has been designed to be sensitive only to lead within 3/811 of its sensor. Many K-X-ray measurements can be misled by the presence of lead objects located deep within a wall, such as water pipes made of lead or lead solder on copper pipes. The LPA-1’s field of view is limited to a maximum depth of 3/811, deep enough to handle virtually all painted surfaces, but not prone to detect lead objects located behind the surface.

While the statistical performance of the LPA-1 Analyzer, like any other XRF system, improves with longer measurement times, the LPA-1’s design is so advanced that in most cases, it can provide statistically reliable readings for most measurements in only 2 to 4 seconds.

3. The Performance of XRF Analyzers

In order to understand how the performance of XRF analyzers is specified, it is important to define four important statistical concepts: precision, bias, accuracy, uncertainty. These concepts form the basis for the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommended procedures for lead paint analysis.

Precision corresponds to random variations in readings and is a measure of reproducibility. If one were to place a 1.0 mg/cm^2 lead paint standard on a drywall and then take 10 readings, each for the same number of seconds, the readings would not be identical, but would have some spread due to the statistical nature of radioactivity. The term precision corresponds to the spread in identical readings under identical circumstances. Technically, it is the standard deviation of the measurements. The precision of the instrument will improve with longer measurement times. For example, if the precision for readings taken with a 2 second measurement time is 0.2 mg/cm^2 , it will be 0.1 mg/cm^2 for an 8 second reading and 0.05 mg/cm^2 in 32 seconds. Due to the effect of the scattered radiation, the precision of a reading for a given measurement period will also depend upon the substrate material.

The second important parameter used in evaluating the performance of a lead paint analyzer is accuracy. Ideally, if one were to take a large number of readings on a 1.0 mg/cm^2 standard sample, the average value of those readings would be 1.0 mg/cm^2 . In the real world, the

average would probably be a value somewhat different, such as 0.95 mg/cm². This difference between the average measured value of the lead content of a paint sample and its actual value is called accuracy, and cannot be corrected by taking additional measurements.

In addition, if one were to measure the 1.0 mg/cm² standard on a large number of pieces of drywall, then there would be some variation in the averages, due to small systematic errors present in any instrumentation. The variation in the average readings does not depend upon the time, but is fixed for a given XRF analyzer.

The third parameter to be considered in performance of a system is bias. Bias is the difference between a system reading on a painted surface (substrate) and an expected zero value. A reading greater than zero on a specific substrate is called "Positive Bias." A reading less than zero on a substrate is called "Negative Bias" for that substrate. The bias depends on the substrate material, due to the scatter effects discussed above. For the LPA-1, the bias which has been measured in thorough field testing is virtually zero.

The fourth parameter is uncertainty or confidence level. For any given reading, there is some uncertainty in the reading which is a combination of the precision and accuracy of the reading. The total uncertainty for the LPA-1 Analyzer is a function of time and of substrate material. For example, for a 4 second reading on wood the total uncertainty is 0.50 mg/cm², while for a 15 second reading on wood the total uncertainty is 0.30 mg/cm². Although the uncertainty improves dramatically with time, it never goes to zero.

According to HUD guidelines, a lead measurement requires that a reading be taken with a 95% confidence level. This means that the actual measured lead value must exceed the regulatory action level by at least twice the uncertainty to be considered valid. Uncertainty is not a constant value, it depends on time, substrate and the actual lead concentration. The LPA-1 automatically, in Quick Mode, incorporates all of these factors to yield 95% confidence readings

All measurement systems possess some random and systematic errors. For the inspector, it is important to have the quantities specified and characterized in order to understand the reliability of the results (See Section F Understanding the LPA-1

Measurement Modes for a complete analysis of the LPA-1 uncertainty). It is also important to understand that the quality of the results improves with time, and that even at the longest times, there remains some uncertainty.

C. Radiation Safety and Handling Procedure

1. Introduction

The LPA-1 Lead Paint Analyzer is a state-of-the-art analytical instrument used in quantitative analysis of lead in paint for various substrates used in commercial, industrial, and residential facilities. Radioactive material is used as the radiation source in this device for nondestructive method of sample analysis. The possession, use, transfer and disposal of this device is regulated in the United States by the individual States, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), and the US Department of Transportation (DOT) and by other Regulatory Authorities outside of the United States.

2. Regulatory Responsibilities

The owner of this device must read and understand his/her responsibilities in accordance with the regulations of the state and the license issuing agencies. These responsibilities include:

1. To obtain, read and understand the sections of the State and Federal regulations which pertain to the proper use and possession of an isotopic radiation source that apply in the user's specific region of the country.
2. The owner must always know the whereabouts of this device.
3. The owner must assure that all labels affixed on the device at the time of arrival are maintained in legible condition.
4. The owner must provide a safe and secure area for storage of this device.
5. As explained in the leak test section of this manual, The owner must assure that the device is leak tested every six months and the required records are kept for the specified period.
6. The owner must not sell, transfer or lease this device without first ascertaining whether the regulatory authorities which have jurisdiction in either the owner's own region of the country or that of the intended recipient of the device require prior approval or notification and, if so, that such notification is given or such approval is obtained.
7. The owner must notify Protec Instrument Corporation and the authorities if this device is missing, severely damaged or involved in a fire, or if the result of the leak test proved to be in excess of the specified limits.

3. Safe Use and Handling Procedures

This device has been designed to operate with as low a radiation source as possible consistent with its ability to make measurements with high speed and accuracy. However, it is important for the user to understand that the radioactive source contained in the LPA-1 Analyzer emits radiation at all times and that even with the shutter closed, the device must be handled with radiation exposure in mind. Below are several recommended practices which should be followed to keep the radiation exposure for both the operator and others at a very low level.

1. Each operator should receive specific training in radiation safety before attempting to operate the device.
2. The device should be handled, stored and operated in such a manner as to minimize the amount of radiation exposure to both the operator and all other persons in the

- area.
3. The device should be stored in its factory supplied carrying case at all times when it is not in use.
 4. The device should never be pointed at anyone, even with the shutter closed.
 5. The stabilizer which fits on the front of the device should be left on at all other times except when making specific measurements on confined surfaces which require its temporary removal.
 6. The device should always be held by the handle and not by the body or the tip.
 7. The tip of the device should always be pointed away from the body and held at least 4" (10 cm) from it when being carried.
 8. When the need to use both hands prevents the operator from holding the device by its handle, the device should be placed on the ground or some other flat surface. Under no circumstances should the device be rested or cupped against other parts of the body such as under the arm or on a leg. Similarly, the device should never be carried against the body in a pocket or in a pouch.
 9. Since the radiation beam can penetrate for some distance into the surface being measured, care should be taken to ensure that no person is within one foot (30 cm) of the far side of the surface being measured.
 10. The device is sealed at the factory and has no user adjustable parts. No attempt should ever be made to open the Analyzer for any reason.
 11. At PIC, we try to provide our customers with all of the support and help needed for the safe operation of this device. Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions.

4. Leak Testing Procedure

Radiation Regulations require you, the user, as a licensee to test the device for leakage of radioactive material at no longer than six month intervals.

A leak test is conducted by wiping the surface of interest with a cotton swab and measuring the amount of radioactivity transferred from the surface to the swab. Under normal conditions, no measurable amount of activity is transferred.

To properly conduct the bi-annual leak test, it is best to procure a leak test kit from a commercial distributor who has approval to supply such kits to owner's region of the country. The leak-test kits should contain all of the necessary components including the swabs, moistening solution and container for returning the swab to the distributor who will measure it for radioactivity. The leak-test procedure used by the provider of the service must be sensitive enough to be able to positively detect .005 microcuries of radioactive material. A partial list of leak test kit distributors is provided in Appendix J.

a) Identification of the Surface of the Device to be Leak Tested

Leak tests are generally performed on the surface of the device closest to the source. Since the user's access to the source housing is limited, the surface of the device which is both closest to the source and accessible is the front surface the Analyzer. This is the surface to be leak tested.

b) Procedure

1. Make sure the shutter is closed and the manual shutter lock is engaged. Place the device on a table in a stable position and in such an orientation that it will be easy to wipe the swab against the front surface of the tip of the Analyzer.
2. Follow the leak-test kit distributor's instructions for preparing the swab.

3. Wipe the outside surface of the tip with the test swab in accordance with the wipe test kit instructions.
4. Prepare the swab for return to the distributor of the wipe test kit as directed.
5. As a licensee to possess and use radioactive material by your state, you, the owner, should maintain records regarding your leak-testing for the period specified in the state's regulations, typically 3 to 5 years. The information that should be maintained during the leak testing is:
 - Identification of the source and the device; manufacturer name, model number, serial number, isotope, quantity of the radioactive material.
 - Date of test and date of next scheduled test.
 - Information on the test method used: types of wipes such as, dry or wet.
 - Identification of the individual who performed the test. The first leak test should be performed immediately after the receipt of the device.

c) *Leak Test Results*

In the unusual event that the result of a leak test indicates that the source is leaking, the owner should:

1. Immediately stop the usage of the device.
2. Assure that the device is maintained in a safe area.
3. Notify PIC within twenty-four hours and request an RMA number for sending the device back to PIC.
4. Notify your state's regulatory agency in US and the Regulatory Authorities in your country within three days.
5. Return the device in its factory supplied container.

5. *Basics of Radiation Safety*

Proper use of the LPA-1 requires a basic understanding of how radiation can affect the human body. The gamma rays emitted from the Cobalt-57 (Co^{57}) isotope cause lead atoms in paint to fluoresce. These same rays can be damaging to body tissues. Fortunately, the amount of radiation involved with the LPA-1 is small and, with proper use, will expose the inspector to negligible amounts of radiation. However, it is still important to understand the overall health effects of radiation and, with that knowledge, strive for safer use of the instrument.

a) *Health Effects*

Radiation is pervasive in our environment. Although every person on earth is exposed to cosmic radiation, people living in different parts of the world experience different intensities of radiation. While one might initially believe that all radiation is harmful, there are many very important beneficial uses of radiation. For example, radiation is used for medical and dental diagnosis. These exposures to radiation have been carefully studied and analyzed to insure that they are well below levels which might be harmful to a human being.

Most people do not have exposures outside of the types just mentioned. However, those who work in industries in which radioactive materials are used can experience somewhat higher exposures. Even in the case of a typical worker at a nuclear power plant, a work setting in which exposure to radiation is most likely, the total exposure is generally within safe limits. Since in any particular situation, there is the possibility of an accident or misuse of the radioactive material, it is important to understand the health effects of an overdose of radiation. This discussion is not intended to be alarming. Rather, it should encourage one to take the use of the instrument very

seriously.

The radiation hazard is due to the fact that radiation can kill human tissue. The biological effects of radiation are burns due to localized high energy intensity beams, radiation sickness due to radiation received by the whole body, and at a higher level of radiation intensity, genetic mutations. Slight exposures to radiation are not cumulative but above a certain level of tolerable dose, they do have a cumulative effect and can produce permanent injury.

b) Time, Distance and Shielding

Exposure to radiation can be minimized by three important considerations: time, distance, and shielding. The effect of the time of exposure is clear. The longer the exposure takes place, the more chance there is of damage to human tissues. However, a very large dose over a short period of time is generally more damaging than the same cumulative dose of radiation spread over a very long time.

The distance from a radioactive source is a second factor which affects radiation exposure. The intensity of radiation diminishes very quickly as one moves away from the source. Thus, distance is a very effective protection against harmful effects of radiation.

Finally, there is the concept of shielding. If a dense substance, such as lead or concrete, is placed between the source and an exposed individual, much of the radiation is absorbed by the barrier. This is why, for example, patients receiving dental X-rays have their bodies shielded with a lead blanket.

Understanding that these three physical means can affect the amount of exposure a person could have, provides a foundation of basic radiation safety procedures when using the LPA-1. In the LPA-1, there is a trigger which opens a shutter to allow the radiation to be emitted. The shutter should never be opened when testing is not being performed. Also, it should be understood that, even with the shutter closed, a very small amount of radiation is emitted. Therefore, if the instrument is not in use, it should be kept in its storage case (which provides some additional shielding). If the instrument will not be used at all, it should be stored at a safe distance and in its storage container.

These principles also apply to the safe transportation of the instrument. As a reminder, transportation of the LPA-1 must be in accordance with DOT and state regulations.

6. Radiation Exposure and the LPA-1

The LPA-1 should be considered in light of possible health effects. First, the activity of the Cobalt-57(Co^{57}) source is low (12 millicuries maximum), and the source is sealed in an airtight manner. Therefore, under normal use, the chance of radiation poisoning due to the radioactive material entering the body is virtually impossible. In addition, the source is housed in a tungsten shield within the instrument. It can only be exposed when the system is in contact with a surface. The low activity of the source and the shield, along with proper handling and operation results in no radiation hazard to the operator. The radiation dose equivalent rate at the operator's hand is approximately 0.3 mRem/h (millirem per hour) with the shutter open or closed. This is substantially below the permissible dose rate.

Despite the safety features, under no circumstances should an inspector or anyone else tamper with or attempt to replace the source. If the gamma ray emissions from the Cobalt-57(Co^{57}) isotope have diminished to the point of being inefficient in their operation, it is essential to return the instrument to the manufacturer to replace the radioactive source, and to carry out other functions such as preventive maintenance or re-calibration of the instrument.

a) *Radiation Monitoring*

Even with the safe use of radioactive material, the possible risk of exposure requires that workers be proactive in protecting themselves. Therefore, it is recommended that inspectors involved with the use of an XRF analyzer wear a dosimeter. A Dosimeter is a small device, usually containing a photographically sensitive material, which measures and records the amount of radiation to which the device, and therefore the person wearing it, is exposed.

There are two recommended types of dosimeters: rings and film badges. The ring may be worn on any finger while the badge is usually affixed to a piece of clothing in the area of the torso.

The dosimeter is worn at all times during the use, transportation, or other potential exposure to radiation. At the end of a discrete period of time, usually one month, the dosimeter is returned to one of several commercial establishments which evaluate the amount of exposure that individual has obtained. A partial list of film badge distributors is provided in Appendix J.

II. Part II: Use of the Instrument

A. Instrument Description

The LPA-1 Lead Paint Analyzer is an instrument which quickly and nondestructively measures the concentration of lead-based paint on painted surfaces. The LPA-1 system includes three components: (1) The hand-held LPA-1 Analyzer XRF unit and (2) a Report Generation Software with screen graphics which allows fast creation of Inspection Reports. In addition, the LPA-1 system includes a carrying case, microprocessor controlled Quick-Charge Battery Charger, a spare Battery Pack and Stabilizer, and a Data Communication Cable.

1. The LPA-1 Analyzer

The LPA-1 contains an electronics package that uses X-ray fluorescence technique to analyze the amount of lead in painted surfaces. The front part of the Analyzer contains a radiation source which irradiates the painted surface to generate characteristic X-rays. The LPA-1 also contains a rugged, solid state detector which senses the X-rays emitted by the target surface. The microprocessor analyzes spectral data, computes the amount of lead, presents it on the display and also stores it in the memory for future download to a personal computer.

Two optical proximity sensors at the front surface of the LPA-1 prevent the radiation shutter from opening if the Analyzer has not been placed flat against a surface.

The Analyzer has a measurement storage capability of up to 4,000 single measurements (not average sets), 1000 in any one job. Upon command, these measurements can be downloaded to a personal computer for easy creation of inspection reports.

2. The Worksheet and Clipboard

A belt mounted clipboard and worksheets are used to record the locations of measurements taken in the field. They are designed to allow the Inspector to make a measurement with one hand and record the reading location with the other, thus eliminating the need for a second person. An optional Field Report Generation System is also available as a replacement to the worksheets.

3. Operating Modes

The LPA-1 can operate in one of three measurement modes, Standard Mode, Time Corrected Mode or Quick Mode. In Standard Mode, the user chooses the measurement time. In Quick Mode, the measurement time is determined by the LPA-1 Analyzer to achieve a 95% confidence level measurement as compared to an action level. The time of measurement in Quick Mode depends on the actual lead level of the surface, the type of building material under the paint, the action level, and the age of the source. The action level can be set by the user from 0.4 mg/cm² to 2.0 mg/cm² and is programmable in increments of 0.1 mg/cm².

B. Guide to LPA-1 Controls

There are only six control keys to learn on the LPA-1. Some keys have more than one function. The key pad located on the top of the instrument is diagrammed below.



Figure 1: LPA-1 Keypad Controls.

1. Select Mode Key



Primary Use - To select Standard Mode or Quick Mode
Secondary Use - To turn on and off Screen Saver Option

In Detail

The SELECT MODE key allows the user to toggle between Standard Mode and Quick Mode. Standard mode is used primarily for calibration checks. Quick Mode is the recommended mode of operation for inspections. In addition the SELECT MODE toggles on and off screen saver option, which was designed to increase the time between battery charges.

Operation

To Set the LPA-1 Mode of Operation

1. Pull the trigger briefly to obtain a READY message.
2. Press the SELECT MODE key. The LPA-1 will display either 'QUIC MODE' Or 'STD MODE XX SEC' depending on the present setting.
3. Each further press of the SELECT MODE key causes the Analyzer to toggle between the two modes.
4. When the Analyzer displays 'STD MODE XX SEC', the measurement time can be changed by pressing the SET key. The time will be incremented in steps from 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, and 60 sec. After 60 sec the cycle starts over at 5 sec.
5. If the analyzer is in Quick Mode, the Abatement Level can be adjusted by pressing the Set key. The LPA-1 will then display 'ABATE AT XX mg'. The Abatement Level

- can then be adjusted between 0.4 mg/cm² to 2.0 mg/cm².
6. In either mode, the user prompt will be held on the screen for 3 seconds after the last key entry, after which the selected mode is saved and the system returns to 'READY'.

To Toggle On and Off the Screen Saver Option

1. Let the LPA-1 power off
2. Wake up the instrument by holding down the SELECT MODE key for two seconds to get the message CONFIRM SET MODE
3. Confirm using the SET key
4. Use the SELECT MODE key to toggle between SCREEN SAVER and SCREEN NORMAL operation
5. Wait until the instrument goes back to READY. The mode has been selected and the instrument is ready for use.

2. Reset Key



Primary Use - To cancel all measurements in the LPA-1 memory. USE WITH CAUTION!

In Detail

The LPA-1 keeps track of Job and Unit numbers. The RESET key clears both of these values to zero and should only be used after all data has been transferred to the computer. Since this function also erases all stored data, it is important that it never be used in error. The RESET key does not change the programmed values of time and abatement level. NOTE: There is no way to recover data erased by the Reset operation.

Operation

1. Pull the trigger briefly to obtain a 'READY' message.
2. Press the RESET key. The Analyzer will display 'CONFIRM RESET'.
3. Press the SET key to confirm the request to reset, If not confirmed, the request will be ignored.
4. Upon Reset, the display will show the message 'RESET' for 3 seconds, after which the system returns to 'READY'.

3. Delete Key



Primary Uses - To recall and/or erase the last reading in memory. Delete a set of readings while in AVE Mode. To put the LPA-1 into JOB SCAN MODE

Secondary Use - To decrement the settings when in SET TIME mode. To scan backwards in JOB SCAN MODE

In Detail

The DELETE key allows the user to view and/or delete only the most recent

measurement or average set. It requires a confirmation step to delete the reading.

In Addition DELETE activates JOB SCAN MODE. Job Scan Mode allows the user to review measurements taken in the current job on the screen. The readings may be observed without changing them.

The DELETE key can also be used to display the most recent measurement. This can be achieved by pressing DELETE once and not confirming the entry.

Operation

To Recall or Delete the Last Reading or Set of Average

1. Pull the trigger briefly to obtain a 'READY' message.
2. Press the DELETE key. The Analyzer will display the most recent measurement. (If there is no reading in the current job, the LPA-1 will display DELETE DENIED.)
3. Press the SET key to confirm.
4. The display will show READING DELETED.

NOTE: In average mode the entire set of average readings is deleted and "DELETE AVE SET" is displayed which is then confirmed by the SET key.

To Enter and Use Job Scan Mode

1. Let LPA-1 power down.
2. Wake up the instrument with the DELETE key, holding the key down for 2 seconds then letting go.
3. The unit will give the message "Job Scan Mode" for 2 seconds, then will display the last reading in the current job.

The Job Scan Mode has been selected and the instrument is ready to scan the measurements

To Scan Backward: While in Job Scan Mode hold down the DELETE key. The readings will slowly scroll down toward the beginning of the job. To speed up the scan, press and hold either the NEW UNIT key or the RESET key while holding down the DELETE key.

To Scan Forward: While in Job Scan Mode hold down the AVERAGE key. The readings will slowly scroll up toward the end of the job. To speed up the scan, press and hold either the NEW UNIT key or the RESET key while holding down the AVERAGE key.

To Exit Out of Job Scan Mode: To Exit press the SET key or pull the trigger to take a new measurement at any time. Upon exiting the Job Scan Mode, the LPA-1 will automatically return to the last reading taken.

4. Set Key



Primary Uses - To set abatement level when in QUICK MODE. To confirm RESET, DELETE, NEW UNIT, AND SET CLOCK. To set measurement time when in STANDARD MODE. To set the number of readings in an average group.

Secondary Use- To put the LPA-1 in to DATA TRANSFER MODE

In Detail

The SET key is used to program the value of the abatement level when in Quick Mode. Abatement Level can be set in increments of 0.1 mg/cm² to a maximum of 2.0 mg/cm². At that point, the value rolls over to 0.4 mg/cm² again. In Quick Mode, the Analyzer uses the abatement level to determine the measurement time required for 95% confidence. The Abatement Level programmed into the LPA-1 is downloaded to the Report Generator and also appears in the Inspection report that is printed. In Standard Mode, the abatement level is not used directly but is still printed in the final report. For that reason, it is important to enter the correct abatement level in both modes. In Standard Mode, the SET key is also used to increment the reading time. The time may be set from 5 seconds to 60 seconds. In Average Mode the SET key increments the number of readings in a set of averages.

The Set key also has two other functions. It is used to put the instrument in DATA TRANSFER mode so that it can download the measurements to a personal computer. It is also used as the CONFIRM key with certain functions such as resetting the system, starting a new unit, changing the time, etc.

Operation

To Change Abatement Level

1. Briefly pull the trigger so that the LPA-1 goes to READY.
2. Press the SET key, to display ABATE AT XX MG.
3. Each further press of the SET key will cause the Analyzer to increment the value. The message will be held on the screen for 3 seconds after the last key entry, after which the last displayed value will be saved in memory. The system will then return to READY.

To Confirm Other Keypad Functions

The SET key is also used in response to the message "CONFIRM XX". In this case, a single keystroke indicates confirmation. For example, to delete a reading, press the DELETE button, at the message, 'CONFIRM DELETE' press the SET key.

To Go to DATA TRANSFER Mode

1. Allow the unit to power down.
2. Press the Set key for three seconds.
3. The LPA-1 will display DATA TRANSFER.
4. The DOWNLOAD button on the Computer Screen can then be clicked on with the mouse.
5. Once the transfer is complete, the LPA-1 can be returned to the READY mode by pressing the SET key for two seconds.

To Set the Sample Time in Standard Mode

1. Press the trigger briefly to wake up the LPA-1.
2. Press the SELECT MODE button. The LPA-1 will display STD MODE XX SEC, where XX is the Standard Mode measurement time.
3. Press the SET key as many times as necessary to reach the desired sample time.
4. When the LPA-1 shuts off, the setting will be saved.

5. New Unit Key



Primary Uses - To create a new job. To display the current Unit and Job numbers.

Secondary use - To set the LPA-1 clock

In Detail

The LPA-1 system records readings in sequence for each particular housing "Unit". Each Unit is assigned a unique Job Number, which is created from the date and military time at which the inspection began. For example, a Job Number 01-19-94-0945 (01/19/94 09:45) indicates that the inspection began on January 19, 1994, at 9:45 am. This number is used by both the Analyzer and the Report Generation Software to identify inspection jobs.

In addition to the Job number, the LPA-1 also creates a Unit Sequence number. This number may be saved if desired on the worksheets created in the field. This number is displayed on the LPA-1 screen as UNIT XX where the XX is 1, 2, 3, or however many units have been started since the last System Reset has been performed.

The Unit number is provided as an aid for dealing with large - numbers of jobs in a single download. It's easier to remember that Units 1, 2, and 3 in a sequence of jobs were for a particular customer than to trying to recall that they were Job numbers 1119951454, 1119951630, and 1120950821. The NEW UNIT key creates a division marker in the string of readings stored in the LPA-1 memory that allows the Report Generation Software to identify the end of one inspection job and the start of the next. The NEW UNIT key also creates a new Job Number for entry on the field record worksheets. Since implementing this function at the incorrect time would terminate the current job, a second key (SET) must be pressed to confirm its activation.

Operation

To advance the UNIT and JOB numbers

1. Pull the Trigger briefly to obtain a 'READY' message.
2. Press the NEW UNIT key two times.
3. The message CONFIRM NEW UNIT will be displayed.
4. Press the SET key to confirm the request to create a new Job number.
5. The Analyzer will display the next Unit Number followed by the new Job Number before returning to 'READY'. The Job number should be noted on the worksheet.

To find out the current UNIT and JOB numbers.

1. Pull the Trigger briefly to obtain a 'READY' message.
2. Press the NEW UNIT key.
3. The Analyzer will display the current Unit Number for 3 seconds and then the current Job Number for 5 seconds. (If no further keypad entry is made, it will then return to READY.)

a) To Set the Time

NOTE: The clock is a critical part of the LPA-1 Analyzer system. The correct time and date are used to generate the individual job numbers which are used by the report generating software. They are also used by the

LPA-1 to calculate source half-life correction factors when taking measurements in both *Quick Mode* and *Standard Mode*.

Operation

1. Allow the LPA-1 to power down.
2. Press the NEW UNIT key and hold for two seconds.
3. The message CONFIRM SET TIME will appear. This is the SET TIME mode.
4. Confirm the request by pressing the SET key
5. The time and date will then be displayed in the format Month-Day-Year-Time. The time is based on a 24 hour clock.
6. Use the SELECT MODE key to move the cursor between the date and time items.
7. Use the AVERAGE key to increment and the DELETE key to decrement the digits.
8. To exit SET TIME mode, press the NEW UNIT key.
9. The unit will then display CONFIRM SET TIME.
10. Confirm with the SET key.

6. Average Key



Primary Use - To turn AVERAGE on and off
Secondary Use - To increment the settings when in SET TIME mode.
To scan forward in JOB SCAN MODE.

In Detail

The AVERAGE key is used to allow the operator to increase the statistical confidence of a measurement through the averaging of additional measurements. While acquiring a measurement in Average, the LPA-1 will display the following messages: In Standard Mode 'X SEC Y OF Z' where X is the measurement time, Y is the current reading in the average set and Z is the total number of readings in the average set (30 SEC 1 OF 3). In Quick Mode, QMODE Y OF Z, where Y and Z are the same as Standard Mode.

At the end of a set of averages the LPA-1 calculates the average of the readings and displays it for 5 seconds. The LPA-1 does not save the calculated average. After download, all measurements taken in average mode will be treated as a single set, the average of which will be computed and printed by the Report Generation Software. The Report Generator shows all the individual readings taken as well as the average of the group. The LPA-1 assumes that all points in an average set have been taken at a single physical location in the building and prevents the Report Generating Software from assigning more than one location to the set.

Operation

To start Average Mode

1. Pull the trigger briefly to wake up the LPA-1.
2. Press the AVERAGE key. The instrument will display AVERAGE OF X where X is the number of readings to be averaged.
3. Press the SET key to increment the desired number of readings to average (2-9). After 9 the cycle starts again at 2.
4. Press the AVERAGE key or pull the trigger to accept the settings, otherwise the

LPA-1 will return to the READY mode after 5 seconds without activating the average mode.

To leave the Average Mode

After the final measurement, press the AVERAGE key to display the message 'AVERAGE OFF' The system will then return to READY.

OTHER CONTROLS

7. The Trigger

The TRIGGER is used to wake up the Analyzer if necessary and also to start the measurement cycle. When the TRIGGER is pulled, the Analyzer checks for the presence of a surface, then starts the measurement.

Operation

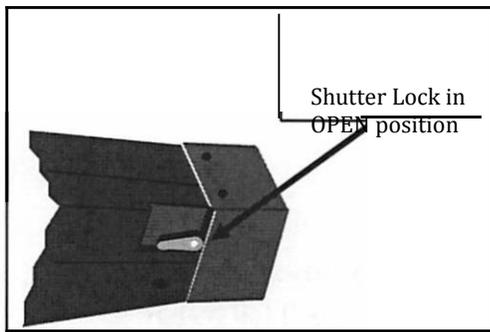
When the Trigger is pulled, the LPA-1 will begin a measurement. If the Analyzer is in the Standard Mode, it will display 'XX SEC MEASUREMENT'. When in Quick Mode, it will display a series of intermediate measurements. At the end of the measurement, the Analyzer will display the Measurement Number and Lead Content such as #24 1.2mg/cm².

If the TRIGGER is pulled when the Analyzer is not flat against a surface, the display will indicate 'NOT FLAT'. As a safety feature, if the TRIGGER is released or the instrument is removed from the surface during the measurement, the measurement will terminate. The display will show ABORT in Standard Mode or prior to the inconclusive signal in Quick Mode. In Quick Mode, the reading will be saved as inconclusive if the inconclusive signal has sounded (sometime after 30 seconds).

8. Manual Shutter Lock

As a safety feature, the LPA-1 Analyzer includes a MANUAL SHUTTER LOCK. **The shutter lock should be activated if the Shutter Lock in message SHUTTER STUCK ever appears on the Display screen.** This message would the possibility of a serious system malfunction and the instrument should not be used until the factory is consulted. The Shutter Lock should always be used during transportation of the unit.

The unit will not operate if the manual lock is on and will display the message 'SHUTTER LOCKED' when an attempt to take a measurement is made.



a) *Operation*

The Manual Shutter Lock is activated by slipping off the stabilizer and turning the lever located on the bottom of the Analyzer near the front of the unit to the locked position. The shutter is unlocked when the lever is pointed toward the trigger and locked when it is pointed 90 degrees away from the trigger.

C. Concepts of Lead Pain Instrument

1. Types of Error

An XRF measurement for lead content requires an evaluation of a condition as it relates to some regulatory level. The objective is to determine whether the lead content is positive or negative when compared to the regulatory level (abatement level.) There is no absolute measurement possible either by XRF or laboratory analysis. All methods have errors or tolerances associated with them.

Two types of error can influence a measurement, random error and systematic error. Random errors are those that are known but cannot be influenced or eliminated, such as the effect of radioactive material in XRF. Systematic errors are those that can be influenced and reduced but many times not completely eliminated. These errors include substrate effects, operator error, calibration samples, and others.

XRF measurements are influenced by both random and systematic error, and the contribution of both must be accounted for as the confidence, or uncertainty, of a particular reading. The graph, shown on page 46, gives the 95% statistical confidence of the LPA-1. As the graph shows there is not a single value for the uncertainty of the instrument. Rather the uncertainty, or confidence level is a function of time, substrate, and lead content. Each curve shown on the graph is a summation of random error (which decreases with time) and systematic error (which remains fairly constant over time) for a given substrate.

2. Important Terms

There are a few important concepts used in the next sections of this manual that should be clearly understood by the LPA-1 operator.

Accuracy - Accuracy is the difference between a reading average and its true value. Accuracy represents the influence of systematic error. An accurate series of readings is one in which the average is close to the actual value of the lead. For example, if an XRF instrument was used to take a series of readings on a 1.02mg/cm² NIST standard, and produced the numbers 1.0, 0.5, 1.5, 2.0, 0.0, the average would be 1.0 and the readings would be considered accurate even though the readings are not close to each other.

Precision - Precision represents the degree of reproducibility. It accounts for the contribution of random errors on a measurement. A precise series of readings is one in which the readings are close together. In the example of accuracy above, the readings were accurate but not precise. If an instrument on the same 1.02 standard was used to take the series of readings 1.0, 1.2, 1.1, 1.2, 1.1, the average would be 1.12. The results would be more precise but not as accurate as the first series taken above.

The ideal condition is to have an instrument that is both precise and accurate.

D. Understanding LPA-1 Measurement Modes

1. What is Quick Mode?

In general, QUICK MODE is a productivity tool for use by Lead Paint Inspectors in the field. The concept of Quick mode is to achieve a 95% confidence level for a measurement in the shortest possible time. **With the exception of calibration checks, Quick Mode is the recommended mode of operation.** The only requirement of the operator in Quick Mode is that the correct abatement level be entered into the analyzer before the job begins.

NOTE: In Quick Mode, once the abatement level is set, the unit seeks the shortest period of time to assure a positive, negative or inconclusive measurement with 95% confidence. This is for any condition, compared to any abatement level.

2. Quick Mode and Statistical Confidence

The precision of a lead measurement made by any XRF analyzer is a function of the length of the reading. This is due to the random nature of the radioactive material which is used to induce X-ray fluorescence. Fluorescence of materials occur and are detected at random rates, slight variations do occur between multiple readings of the same sample. By collecting more data a closer match, between the measured spectral shape and the true spectrum of the material being scanned, results. Therefore, longer measurements yield readings with tighter precision.

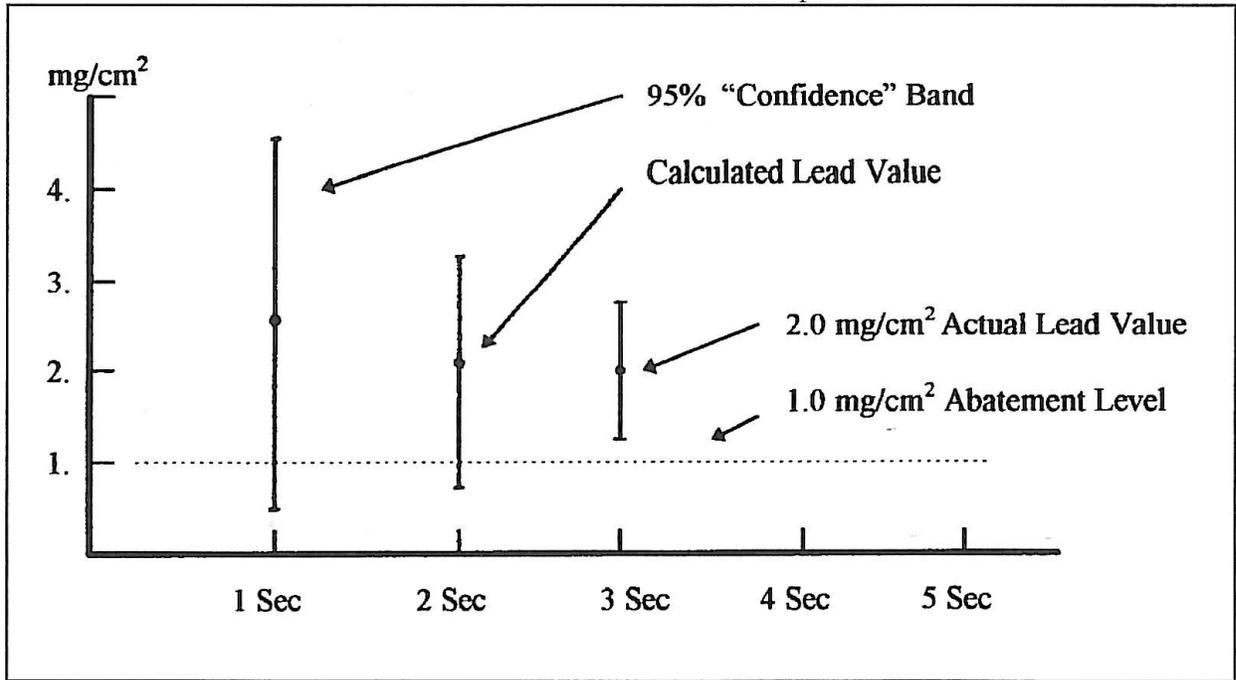
The reading time required to determine positive or negative lead varies depending on the action level and the actual amount of lead on the surface being measured. For example, if the abatement level is 1.0 mg/cm² and the amount of lead on a surface being read is 1.1 mg/cm², an XRF measurement would require tighter precision to make a determination, therefore a relatively long reading would be required. If, however the amount of lead being read was 5.0 mg/cm², a less precise reading could be used to determine whether the surface is actionable. This means that a relatively fast reading would be adequate. Thus, by answering the question, “Is this surface positive, negative or inconclusive?” **as each reading is in progress**, Quick Mode can dramatically reduce the time to perform an inspection job. In its simplest form, this is the concept of Quick Mode.

The actual operation of Quick Mode is a bit more sophisticated because the statistical confidence of the reading must also be assured and that is dependent on some other factors. For example, the precision and accuracy that can be achieved for a lead paint measurement is also a function of the building material under the lead paint. The precision of measurements on wood are tighter than on steel for the same period of time. The QUICK MODE performs an analysis of the spectral information, recognizes the substrate and adjusts the measurement time as required. In STANDARD MODE if the user wished to take a reading for exactly the minimum amount of time needed to determine actionability, he would have to correct for the composition of the substrate material, the age of the source, the abatement level, the number of counts acquired by the XRF instrument and allow enough time to assure that the desired statistical precision has been achieved. This is a difficult task for an operator to perform manually. By selecting **Quick Mode** however, the user can have the LPA-1 automatically perform this task for him.

3. How to Interpret a Quick Mode Measurement

The figure below represents a single measurement divided into three parts. In this example, the actual lead content of the surface is 2.0 mg/cm². The Abatement level is 1.0 mg/cm². After the first second the LPA-1 reviews the spectral information and determines the type of substrate or building material being analyzed. It also considers the number of spectral X-ray fluorescence data lines detected during this first period. With this information, the LPA-1 “knows” what level of confidence to add and subtract from the measurement to determine a band of readings to

achieve 95% confidence. This is shown as the area around the first period's measurement. Notice that the range of possible lead value after the first period includes values above and below the abatement level. No conclusion as to action can be made at this point, so more data must be taken.



The same analysis occurs after the second period of time. As seen in our example, the result of the second, although producing a tighter spread of probability around the measurement, still shows the slight possibility of a lead level below abatement level. The third measurement period shows that for the level of confidence programmed into the LPA-1 (95%), the lead level in our example is definitely above the abatement level. The instrument will terminate the measurement at that point and display the result.

The result of any measurement made in Quick Mode is limited to one of three possibilities. 1) Positive lead level, 2) Negative lead level, or 3) Inconclusive result. Positive results are displayed as any measurement above the abatement level. In addition, the red positive light will flash on the front of the instrument. Negative results are recognizable as displayed measurements that are below the abatement level. In those cases, the green negative light will flash on the front of the instrument. In cases where the measured lead level is too close to the action level to reach a determination in 60 seconds, *the Analyzer will end the measurement by displaying the action level and both the positive and negative lights will flash. This is an indication of an Inconclusive Measurement.* Positive and inconclusive measurements will appear on the Summary Sheet of possibly actionable readings created by the Report Generator.

The decision of what is considered to be positive negative or inconclusive is based on the action (abatement) level set by the user. For example, the abatement level in some areas of the country is 0.5 mg/cm², while other areas are 2.0 mg/cm². It is quite possible to get a reading, such as 1.1 mg/cm², that is abatable in one area of the country but not in another. In either case setting the action level accurately, is critical to determining a proper conclusion in QUICK MODE.

4. Stopping an Inconclusive Reading Early in Quick Mode

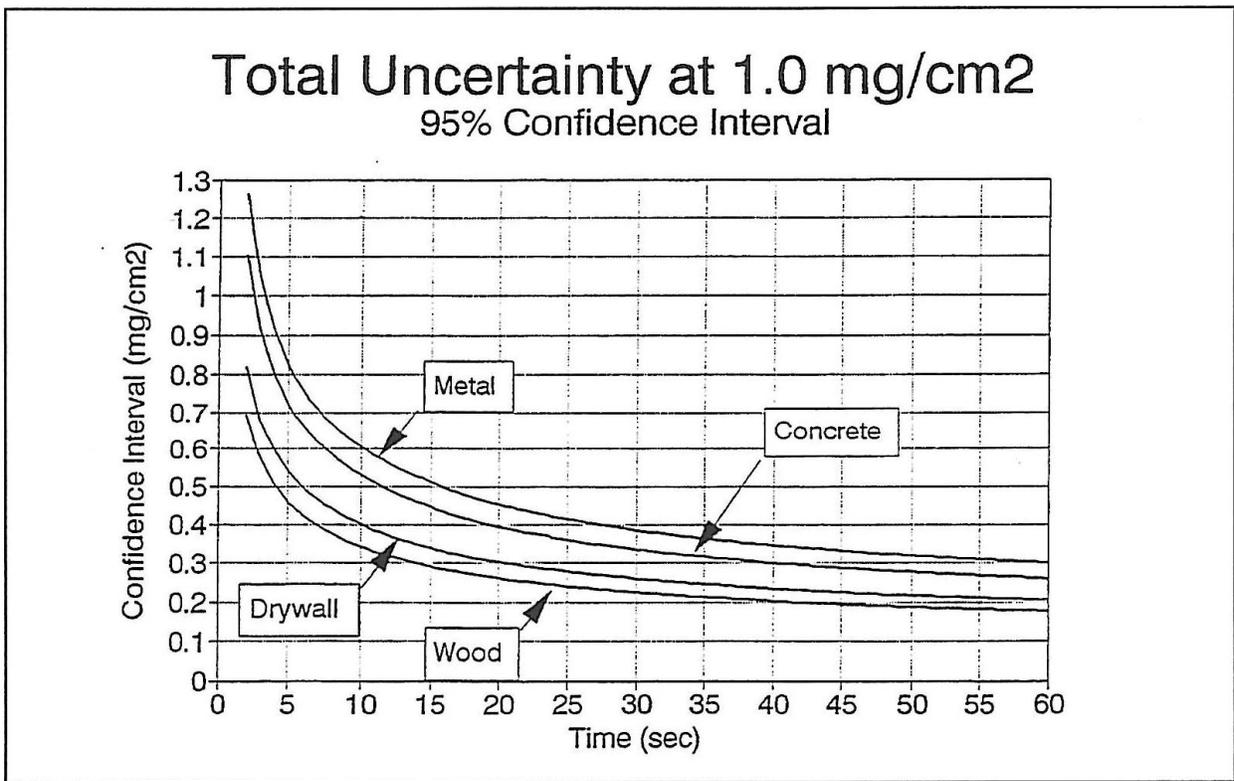
After a Quick Mode reading has run for about 30 seconds, the LPA-1 performs a calculation to determine if the reading is likely to run for a full 60 seconds and still result in an

inconclusive reading. If this is determined to be the case, the Inspector has the option of ending the reading early. As a signal to the Inspector, the instrument emits a beep and the inconclusive light comes on at the front of the instrument. Any time thereafter, the Inspector may end the reading by releasing the trigger. The reading value will be stored as the abatement level, indicating that the reading is inconclusive. If the trigger is released before the beep and light, the LPA-1 will display ABORT and the reading will not be saved.

5. What is Standard Mode

Standard Mode allows the user to acquire a measurement for a fixed amount of time. This is the typical method of operation for most XRF instruments used for lead paint inspection on the market today. With the LPA-1, this is the mode of operation most useful for verifying calibration against a lead standard, or for situations where the user may want a longer reading than may be required to validate a positive or negative lead condition. An initial site survey may be such a case.

For any given reading in standard mode, there is some uncertainty in the reading which is a combination of precision and accuracy. The total uncertainty for the LPA-1 Analyzer is a function of time and of substrate material. Although the uncertainty improves with time, it never goes to zero. According to the proposed HUD guidelines, a lead determination requires that the reading be taken with a 95% confidence level. This means that the actual measured lead value must exceed the regulatory action level by at least twice the uncertainty. The plot shows the LPA-1 uncertainty for 95% confidence readings. For example, assume that an inspector measured 1.6 mg/cm² of lead in 15 seconds on drywall. Since the uncertainty shown in the plot is 0.35 mg/cm² in 15 seconds, this reading is 1.6 ± 0.4 mg/cm².



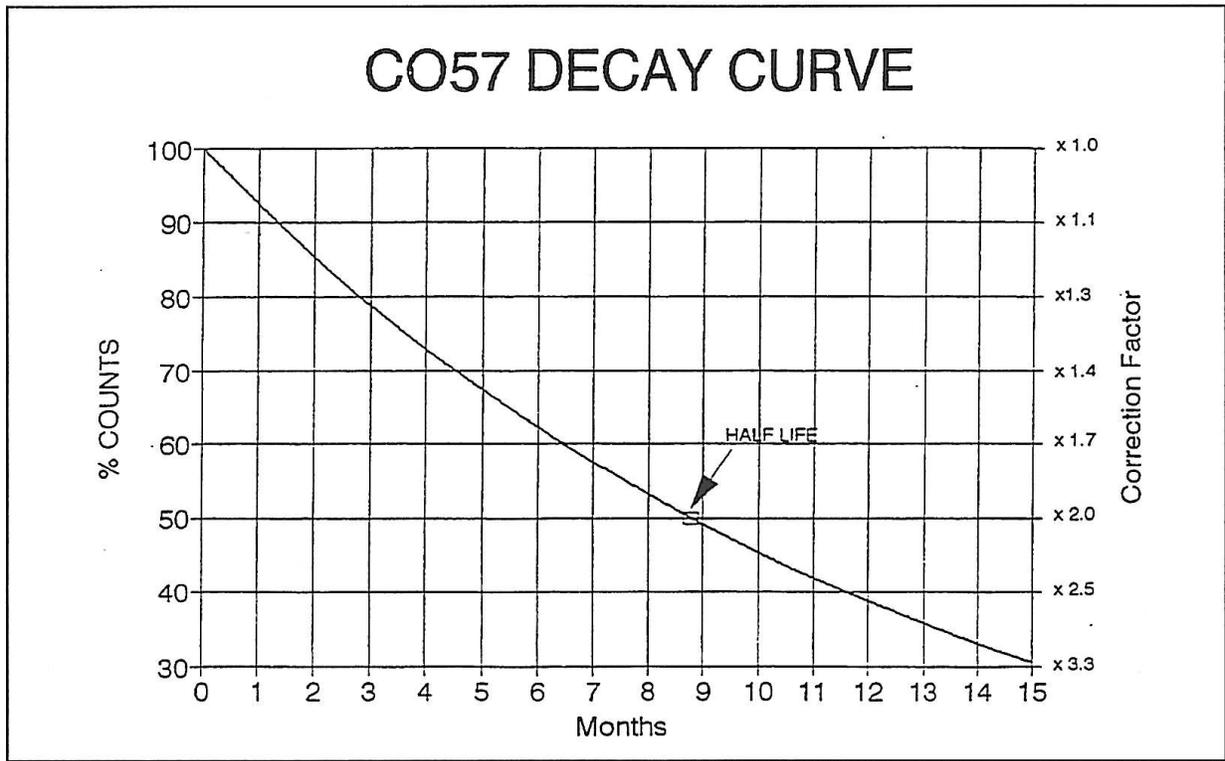
The length of reading programmed by the user in Standard Mode is not corrected for the decay of the source and must be lengthened as the source ages to maintain the same statistical

accuracy. Use the source decay chart to determine the appropriate correction factor.

a) Use Standard Mode when it Makes Sense

Occasionally there will be jobs in which most or all of the lead readings are close to the action level. The LPA-1 analyzer in Quick Mode may find these conditions to be inconclusive and take to 60 seconds of measurement before displaying the abatement level. In this case, it may be faster to set the LPA-1 to STANDARD MODE and select a half-life time corrected measurement period. based on the required uncertainty specified for the Job.

The operator should choose a Standard Mode setting using the decay and uncertainty



curves shown. For example, if the uncertainty at 95% confidence on wood for a particular job is +/- 0.35mg/cm², the time required for a reading with a new source would be 10 seconds as given by the Uncertainty Graph below. If the source is 270 days old the reading time correction would be x2 as given on the decay curve above. Therefore the required reading time on wood would be 20 seconds for a source that is nine months old or 10 seconds for a new source. The readings will still be inconclusive within the +/-0.35 mg/cm² and must be recorded as such, but the operator will achieve this conclusion in 20 second rather than the 60 seconds it would have taken.

6. Reading Confidence vs. Time

Suppose an LPA-1 was used to take a series of readings in Standard Mode at five seconds, then Quick Mode was used to take a series of readings on the same surface. If the readings taken in Quick Mode results in an average reading time of 3 seconds, the spread in measurements would be wider in Quick Mode because the measurements were taken in less time. Conversely, if the average reading time for the Quick Mode readings was 8 seconds, the spread would be smaller for the Quick Mode measurements. The difference is that in Quick Mode, 95% confidence is assured.

E. Inspection Procedures

1. Beginning of Work Session

At the beginning of the work session, be sure that there is a fresh battery pack in the Analyzer. It is a good practice to transfer previous data to the personal computer before beginning the day's work. If the previous data have not been transferred, refer to the software manual. If the data has been transferred, reset the Analyzer memory by pressing the RESET button. The SET button confirms the reset.

2. Verify Keypad Settings

Before taking any measurements, a few system configuration checks should be made;

1. Check that the Manual Shutter Lock and Key lock are unlocked.
2. Check that any old data in the LPA-1 has been downloaded if a Memory Reset is to be performed.
3. Check that the Abatement Level is properly set. The Abatement Level setting can be checked by turning on the LPA-1 with the Trigger, then pressing the SET key. The LPA-1 will then display ABATE AT XX mg. If the setting is not correct, the value can be incremented with the SET key from 0.4 to 2.0 mg/cm².
4. Verify that the LPA-1 is in the desired operating mode. When in Standard Mode, the display will show STD MODE XX Sec, where XX is the number of seconds previously programmed for the length of the measurement. If a Quick Mode measurement is desired, change operating modes by pressing the SELECT MODE button.
5. Verify the setting of the LPA-1 system clock by allowing the LPA-1 to power down, then pressing the NEW UNIT key for two seconds. Press the SET key to confirm. The display is formatted as, month-day-year-time. The time should be accurate within 15 minutes. To exit this mode, press the NEW UNIT key again and allow the LPA-1 to shut off.

3. Check Calibration Sample

Before and after each Job, it is good quality control practice to do a system performance check. It is recommended that this be done by taking three readings on the Calibration Test Block provided with the instrument and on another lead-free wood block. The tested value of the calibration test block is recorded on the back of the block. A reading of appropriate length (see below) should be taken on both the Calibration Block and also on any block of unpainted wood or drywall that the user has at hand to provide a zero-lead reference. Note: The back side of the calibration is not a good zero reference because some amount of the lead on the front of the block is liable to be detected through the thin wood block. For jobs which contain an abundance of one kind of substrate (such as steel or concrete) it is a good idea to do a calibration check on that substrate.

Use the Date of Receipt of the LPA-1 from the factory as a starting point to correct the Performance Test reading for half-life decay as follows:

- 0 to 120 days (4 mos.)- Test at 30 seconds
- 121 to 175 days (6 mos.)- Test at 40 seconds
- 176 to 270 days (9 mos.)- Test at 50 seconds
- 270 to 455 days (15 mos.)- Test at 60 seconds
- Beyond 15 months-Time to replace the Source.

95% of the time, the value of any single calibration reading should be the value of the calibration block +/- 0.3 mg/cm². Note reading times can be achieved by averaging shorter time frames. For example, one 60 second reading is equivalent to the average of two 30 second readings or six 10 second readings.

Alternately the user may wish to perform 60 second measurements throughout the life of the source. This eliminates guesswork and keeps field procedures simple. In this case, the user should expect to see readings that are the value of the calibration block +/- 0.2 mg/cm² with a new source on wood.

If the Lead Readings are outside of the correct range, wait at least five minutes for the Analyzer's automatic Calibration Check to occur. After the Check is completed, reread the Standard Block. Should the readings again fall outside the acceptable range, call PIC before continuing with the inspection.

4. Preparing to Inspect the First Unit

The LPA-1 system records the readings in sequence for each particular housing unit. Each unit is assigned a unique Job Number, which is created from the date and time at which the inspection began. For example, a Job Number 01-19-95-0945 (01/19/95 09:45) indicates that the inspection began on January 19, 1995, at 9:45 am. This number is used by both the Analyzer and the Report Generation Software to identify inspection jobs.

In addition to the Job number, the LPA-1 also creates a Unit Sequence number. This number may be saved if desired on the worksheets created in the field. This number is displayed on the LPA-1 screen as UNIT XX where XX is 1, 2, 3, or however many units were started since the last System Reset.

The Unit number is provided as- an aid for dealing with large numbers of jobs in a single download. It's easier to remember that Units 1, 2, and 3 in a sequence of jobs were for a particular customer than to trying to recall that they were Job numbers 1119951454, 1119951630, and 1120950821. In addition, the Report Generator screen will show the same Unit Number for the convenience of the user when scrolling through the downloaded jobs.

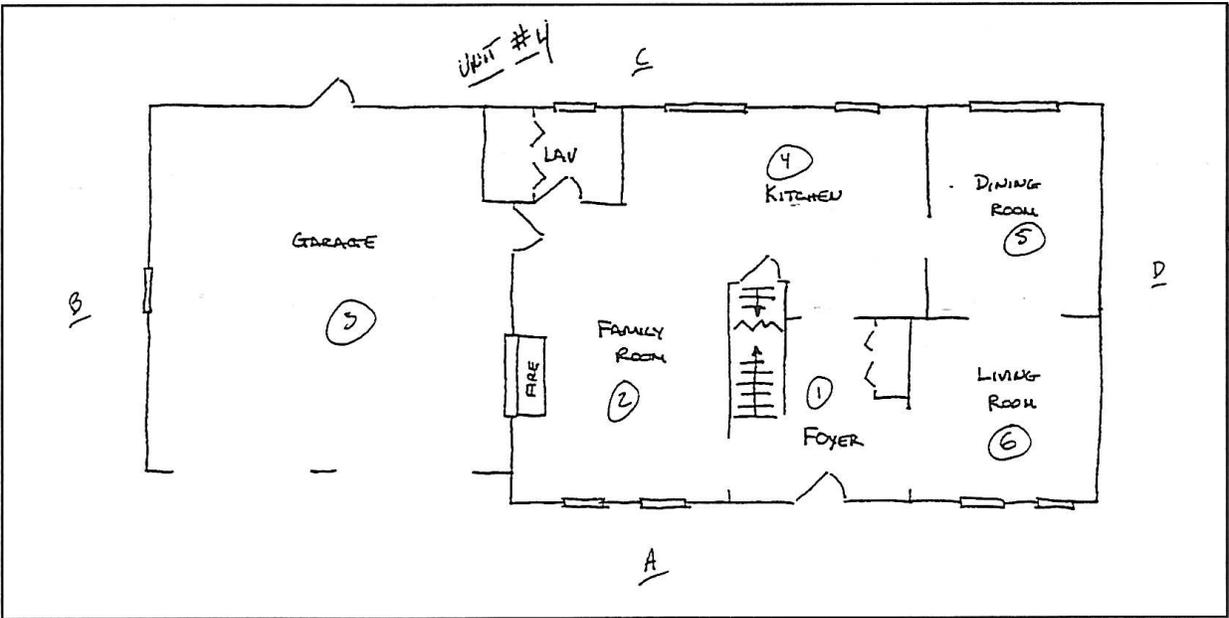
In order to find out what the current Unit Number is from the LPA-1, pull the trigger briefly to wake up the LPA-1, then press the NEW UNIT key once. The unit number displayed is the current unit.

Both the Unit and Job Numbers may be incremented by using the NEW UNIT button described in Section E. The address of the unit and the new Job and Unit number should be entered on the first new worksheet. A calibration check (as described earlier) should be performed at the beginning and end of the inspection and recorded on the work sheet.

The first step in conducting an inspection is to make a floor plan map of the housing unit which will be used in generating the report. The figure above. is an example. of such a map. Note that the walls are designated as A, B, C, and D. In all rooms, the A wall is either the address street side or the entry side of the unit. The B, C, and D walls are in clockwise order from the A wall. Some jobs have their own requirement for wall designation. Whatever the method used for designating walls, it should at least be consistent.

Each enclosed space, such as a closet, should be considered a separate room. Oddly shaped rooms may also be partitioned into rectangular sections for ease in record-keeping. Once

the map is complete, each room in the unit can be numbered immediately or done as the inspection proceeds. The map may then be placed into the clipboard under the worksheet pad and the clipboard placed onto its belt and pulled into position as a work table.



On the top worksheet, enter the address of the unit to be inspected. Press the NEW UNIT button and confirm a new unit, then record on the worksheet the Unit Number and Job Number which are displayed on the Analyzer. Enter on the worksheet the Room Number, taken from the map, the name of the room along with any observation about color, substrate, and condition of paint.

5. Taking Readings

Once the proper information is recorded on the worksheet and the calibration check completed, the system is ready to obtain readings. Place the Analyzer flat against the surface to be tested, and hold the Trigger until the Analyzer shows that the measurement has been completed. When performing readings on flat surfaces, the LPA-1 should be used with the stabilizer mounted to keep it flat during the measurement. The stabilizer can also be easily removed for making readings on small or recessed surfaces.

After a reading has been completed, the reading number (not the lead concentration) should be entered on the proper location on the worksheet.

For example, if the first reading is on center of the baseboard on Wall A, write a number "1" in this location on the worksheet (see Figure). If a reading is taken on unsound paint, the reading number should be circled on the worksheet. The wall and position on the wall (left, center, or right) also be must be checked off when readings are taken on structures like windows or doors. Repeat this process for all the surfaces of interest in the first room. Any comments regarding the particular room should be made at the bottom for the worksheet

ADDRESS 123 MAIN STREET AMTOWN, USA		CHAIR RAIL		BASEBOARD	
JOB # 04-10-95-1124		5		7	
CALCHK 14 15		4		9	
UNIT # 4		3		1	
ROOM # 5		2		8	
READINGS ON UNSOUND PAINT ARE CIRCLED		FLOOR		CEILING	
WALL A B C D		WALL A B C D		WALL A B C D	
LEFT <input type="radio"/>		LEFT <input type="radio"/>		LEFT <input type="radio"/>	
RIGHT <input type="radio"/>		RIGHT <input checked="" type="radio"/>		RIGHT <input type="radio"/>	
CENTER <input type="radio"/>		CENTER <input checked="" type="radio"/>		CENTER <input type="radio"/>	
L JAMB		L JAMB		L JAMB	
R JAMB		R JAMB		R JAMB	
L CASING		L CASING		L CASING	
R CASING		R CASING		R CASING	
PART BEAD		PART BEAD		PART BEAD	
SILL		SILL		SILL	
APRON		APRON		APRON	
COMMENTS: WINDOW IN THIS ROOM APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN REPLACED RECENTLY					

6. Special Circumstances

a) 'Not Flat'

If the unit is flat against the surface but the display shows the message "NOT.FLAT".

Some rough black or aged dark brown paints can confuse the optical sensors which tell the unit whether it is properly against the surface. In these cases, the insertion of a single piece of paper between the front of the unit and the surface being measured will allow the measurement to be taken in the usual manner. The presence of the paper will not interfere with the accuracy of the measurement.

b) Operator Error and 'Abort'

If there was an operator error during measurement:

It is possible for an operator to make an error during a measurement, such as taking a

reading at the wrong spot. In this case, the DELETE button allows an operator to delete the last reading. Press the DELETE button, then the SET button to confirm the deletion. The measurement can then be repeated.

When the TRIGGER is pulled, the Analyzer checks for the presence of a surface, then initiates the reading sequence. The TRIGGER must be continually depressed throughout the reading, otherwise the reading will abort. When the reading is aborted, the Analyzer displays 'ABORT'. Aborted readings are not stored and the Reading Number will not advance. The only exception is the inconclusive signal in Quick Mode (See Section F).

c) Displayed Warning Messages

If the LPA-1 displays a warning message

In this case, the user should consult the list of messages given in Section I.

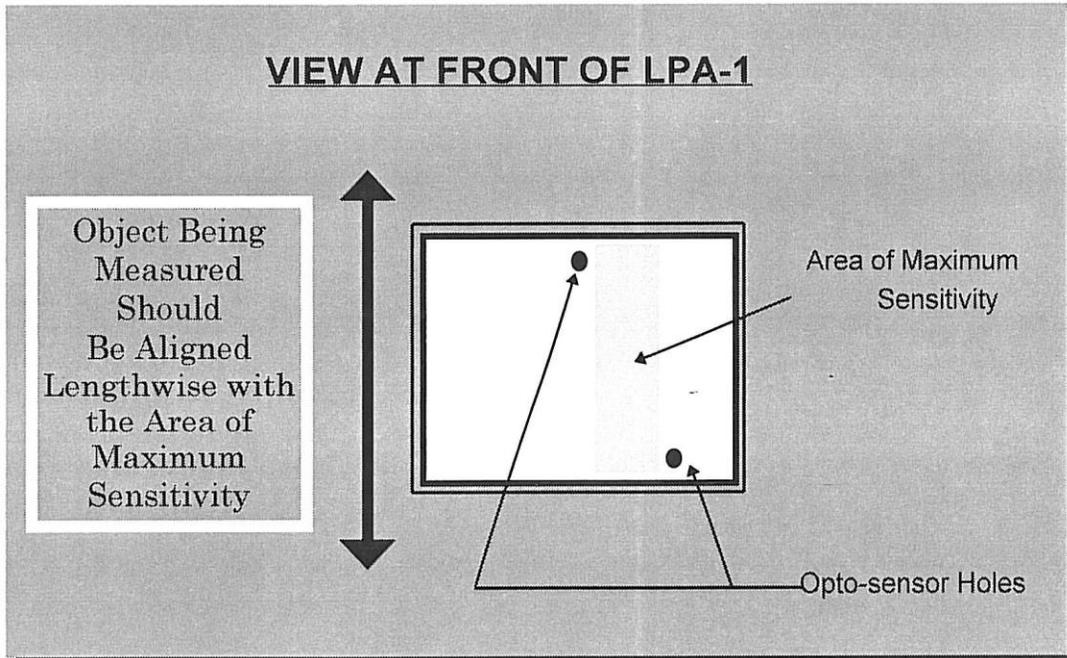
d) Reading Recessed Surfaces

If a reading is required on a recessed surface:

The stabilizer, located on the Analyzer head, is designed to allow for reliable positioning of the Analyzer on large flat surfaces. To obtain readings in small areas, such as a window well, the stabilizer should be removed. To remove the stabilizer, grasp the LPA-1 Analyzer unit in one hand by the handle, and the stabilizer in the other hand. Slide the stabilizer off the Analyzer in a straight-line motion. After obtaining the readings, replace the stabilizer.

e) Reading Rough or Molded Surfaces

If a reading is required on a rough or molded surface:



The performance of the LPA-1 is best on flat surfaces. If the Analyzer head cannot lie flat on a surface, somewhat degraded performance will result. Normally this will result in a lead measurement which is lower than the actual value. The error depends upon the degree of roughness or curvature of the surface. The structure of the reading surface of the LPA-1 is

somewhat asymmetric in that the most sensitive reading area is not located in the exact center of the aluminum 'nose.' As shown in the diagram, the optimal reading area is the vertical area between the holes for the opto-sensors. From the operator's perspective (behind the instrument), the optimal area is about a quarter inch to the left of the arrow on the top of the bezel

When reading a rounded surface such as a handrail or cove casing, it is best to keep the area of maximum sensitivity aligned lengthwise with the piece being inspected. Also, a note should be made on the worksheet and reflected in any report that the reading was made on a curved item and is the best estimate for that surface.

F. Details on Battery Charger

The battery charger supplied with the LPA-1 Analyzer is a Quick Charge microprocessor based unit capable of recharging the battery pack in under two hours. The charger may be left on with the battery connected indefinitely. The battery will not overcharge. If a battery has been only partially discharged or not discharged at all it will be recognized by the battery charger and, after 'topping off' the charge, the charger will stop charging. The charger will display two continuous green lights while a battery is charging. At end of charge, the CHARGE light will flash indicating that it has switched off and the battery is fully charged.

1. Battery Charger Error Message Lights

a) *Fail Light*

FAIL LIGHT - This light shows that any number of failures may have occurred. The important point to remember is that most of the failures detected are failures of the battery. The following are quick checks to perform before trying another battery:

The first check is to verify that the battery is at approximately room temperature. Very cold batteries may temporarily inhibit the charger operation. Either wait a while for the battery to warm or try restarting the charger. The second check is to verify that the charger connector is in proper alignment with the Battery connector. Even though the connector is keyed, it may be possible to jam the connectors together the wrong way. Unplug the battery, and verify the key orientations before plugging the battery in.

b) *Hot Light*

HOT LIGHT - The Hot Light indicates that a failure has occurred in the charging circuit resulting in an overheated battery pack. If the battery is cool and the light is on, the charger cable may be plugged in improperly or the battery may be defective. The Hot Light may also turn on when there is no battery plugged into the charger.

G. LPA-1 Message Displays

The LPA-1 provides a number of messages to remind the user of keypad entries, current system conditions, and any conflict that may occur between keypad entries and current conditions. For example, the user may attempt to take a reading with the shutter locked. The following is a complete list and detailed explanation of messages that may appear.



1. **# XX Y.Y mg/cm2**
XX Y.Y mg/cm2 - This is the standard format for any concluded reading, where XX is the reading number and Y.Y is the reading in milligrams per centimeter squared.
2. **# XXA Y.Y mg/cm2**
XXA Y.Y mg/cm2 - The 'A' following the reading number indicates that the reading is part of a set to be averaged. The format otherwise is the same as a standard reading.
3. **Abort**
ABORT - Indicates that the measurement in progress was stopped because the LPA-1 was not sensing a flat surface or because the trigger was released. **THAT MEASUREMENT WILL NOT BE SAVED.**
4. **Average**
AVERAGE - Indicates that the LPA-1 is ready to take a measurement in the AVERAGE MODE. This message replaces the READY message (described below) when the AVERAGE MODE is active. Averaged calculations will appear in two ways. The average will be shown briefly on the display after the last reading in the set. The average calculation will not be saved. When the Inspection Report is created, each measurement will appear separately with the average calculation appearing below the last measurement.
5. **Average of X**
AVERAGE OF X - Indicates that AVERAGE MODE has been turned on and allow the inspector to increment the number of readings in the average set using the SET key. X is the number of reading in the average set.
6. **Average Off**
AVERAGE OFF - Indicates that the AVERAGE MODE has been turned off.
7. **Average Still On**
AVERAGE STILL ON - Some operating modes (such as NEW UNIT, and SET) cannot be changed if the AVERAGE MODE is turned on. Turn off AVERAGE to continue.
8. **Ave = XX mg/cm2**
AVE = XX mg/cm2 - After each set of averages the calculated average will be displayed where XX is the average of the set. The average will not be saved, but rather recalculated after down load.
9. **Confirm**
CONFIRM (RESET, DELETE, NEW UNIT SET MODE) - The request to CONFIRM means that the action requested by the user will potentially have serious impact on the

data to be included in the Inspection Report. For this reason and to prevent accidental loss of data, it is necessary to press the SET key to complete the action requested. SET is always the key used for confirmation.

10. Delete Denied

DELETE DENIED - Indicates that there has been an attempt to delete the last measurement in a job and either there is no measurement to delete, there has just been a reading deleted, or the last reading taken was a completed set of averages in AVERAGE MODE. Only the last measurement can be deleted from reading memory in the LPA-1.

11. Delete Ave Set

DELETE AVG SET - Indicates that the DELETE key was pressed while in AVERAGE MODE. Confirmation of delete is required after message.

12. Display Normal

DISPLAY NORMAL - A mode of operation which will show all information on the display while a reading is being acquired.

13. Job Scan Mode

OB SCAN MODE - The JOB SCAN MODE allows the user to review on the screen all the measurements taken in the current changed or deleted.

14. Low Battery

LOW BATTERY - Indicates that the battery must be charged. No measurements may be taken.

15. Memory Low

MEMORY LOW - Indicates that the memory is nearly full. Less than 90 more readings can be stored from the point at which MEMORY LOW first appeared. Measurements taken during MEMORY LOW are displayed and will be saved, but the reading data in the LPA-1 must be downloaded to a computer and RESET (see RESET key) to store more than ninety measurements

16. Memory Full

MEMORY FULL - Indicates that the LPA-1 memory is full. Any measurements taken while MEMORY FULL is being displayed will not be saved however, the measurements are displayed for manual recording if the user so desires. The LPA-1 must be downloaded to a PC and RESET (see RESET key) to clear the memory for new measurements.

17. Must Change Unit

MUST CHANGE UNIT - A warning to the inspector that the number of readings in the current job is greater than 990. After 999th reading the LPA-1 will prevent any more measurements in that job. To continue on start a new unit.

18. No Readings

NO READINGS - Indicates that there are no measurements in the current job. Consequently, there is no measurement to recall or delete.

19. Not Flat

NOT FLAT - Indicates that the flatness sensors in the front of the LPA-1 (which

look for a surface through the two small holes in the nose) are not on a flat surface. For safety, the LPA-1 will not allow the source to be exposed unless the nose is flat on a surface.

20. Q-Mode Y of Z

Q-MODE Y OF Z - Indicates that the LPA-1 is acquiring a reading in AVERAGE MODE. Y is the current reading number in the average set, and Z is the total number of readings in the set.

21. Ready

READY - Indicates that the LPA-1 is ready to take a measurement. When the LPA-1 is first turned on, a number of internal tests are performed automatically. These tests take only a few thousandths of a second and cannot be noticed by the user. READY indicates that these tests have been completed and the instrument is ready to take a lead measurement.

22. Reading

READING - The instrument is acquiring a reading in QUICK MODE. Starting at 4 seconds the instrument will show interim readings, updating every 4 seconds.

23. Screen Saver

SCREEN SAVER - A mode of operation which will turn off the display while a reading is being acquired to conserve battery life.

24. XX Sec Y of Z

XX SEC Y OF Z - Indicates that the LPA-1 is acquiring a reading in AVERAGE MODE. XX is the length of the reading, Y is the current reading number in the average set, and Z is the total number of readings in the set.

25. XX Sec Y.Y mg/cm²

XX SEC Y.Y mg/cm² - Interim readings in QUICK MODE appear every 4 second to alert the operator to the status of the measurement. Do not confuse an Interim reading with a reading that has concluded as either positive, negative, or inconclusive. XX indicates the elapsed time, and Y.Y is the interim reading.

26. XX Second Reading

XX SECOND READING - Indicates the LPA-1 is acquiring a reading in STANDARD MODE (not being averaged). XX is the length of reading.

27. Shutter Stuck

SHUTTER STUCK - Indicates that the system's source shutter sensor has detected a possible malfunction and the shutter may still be open. This can be a serious malfunction and should not occur. However, should it ever occur KEEP THE INSTRUMENT POINTED AWAY FROM YOURSELF AND OTHERS, slip off the stabilizer and turn the manual LOCKING LEVER located under the front nose section to the LOCKED position. This will mechanically force the shutter to close. The instrument should then be sent to PIC for repair.

28. Shutter Locked

SHUTTER LOCKED - Indicates that the Manual Shutter Lock is in the locked

position. Turn the lever to the unlocked position to take a measurement.

29. Start New Unit

START NEW UNIT - This message indicates that the LPA-1 has been reset to JOB #0 with the RESET key. Whenever JOB #1 is created using the NEW UNIT key, that time is saved and will appear as the Job Start Time on the Inspection Report. Therefore, JOB #0 is a dummy job created to allow the starting time of a new job to be recorded at other than the time of RESET.

This message can also indicate 999 measurements have been entered into the current job, a New Unit must be created to continue.

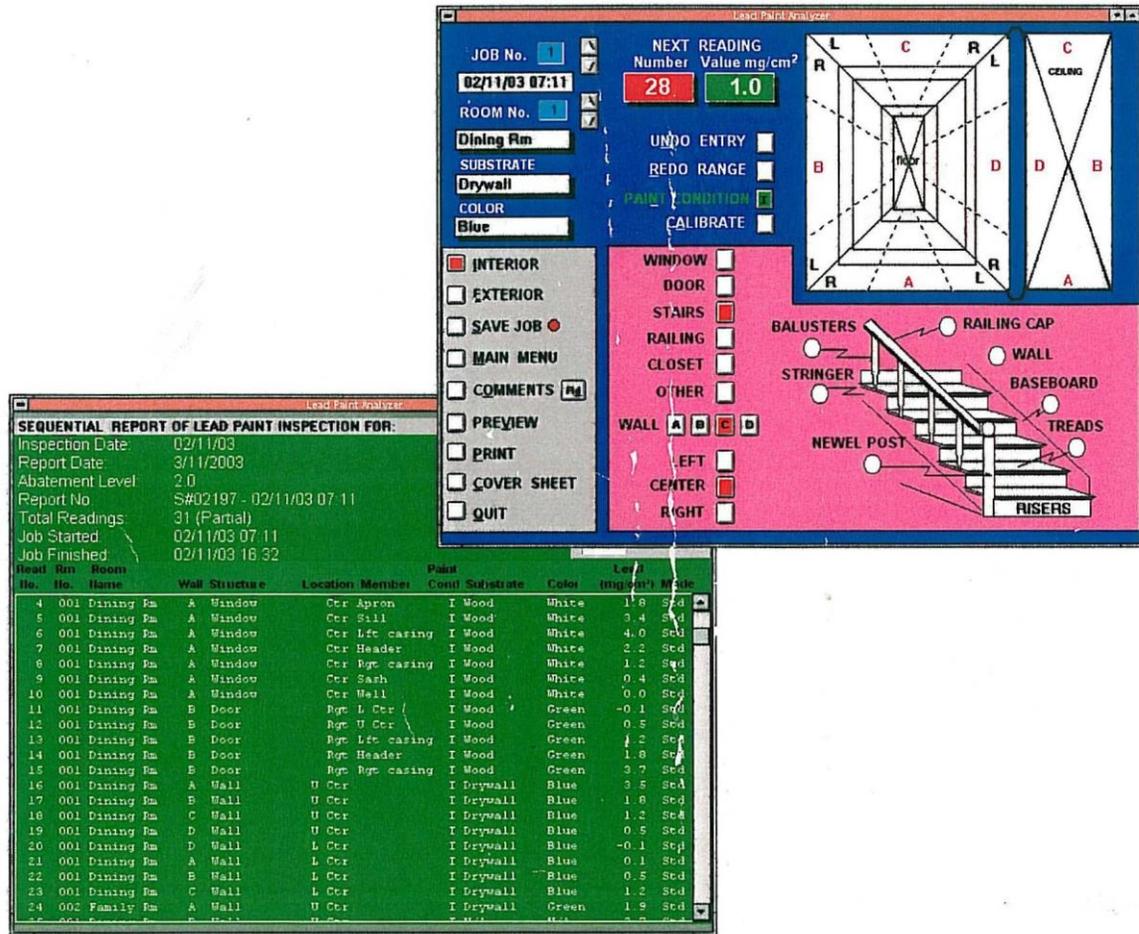
30. Temperature

TEMPERATURE - Indicates that the temperature of the LPA-1 electronics exceeds the operating range of the instrument.

31. Unit 0

UNIT 0 - This display is a 'dummy' job indication that always appears before the first job is created. The starting time of each job that appears on the Inspection Report created by the Automatic Report Generator is the time at which the NEW UNIT key is used. For this reason, after a memory reset has been performed using the RESET key, the first unit (UNIT ONE) is not created until the user wants to record the starting time of a job.

III. Introduction to the Report Generation Software



A. Introduction

Version 3 of the LPA-1 Report Generation Software has been updated with many new features, as well as incorporating observations and suggestions from our LPA-1 users. This software will further increase your productivity, and generate inspection reports which are compliant with recent changes in inspection guidelines.

This manual contains all of the information needed to successfully transfer the data from the LPA-1 Analyzer to the computer, to assign location information relating to each of the inspection readings, and to print out complete, well organized reports.

Included in the manual are instructions on installation, a brief review of the features which have been introduced in this version of the program, detailed instructions on how to operate the software, and a tutorial for refreshing what was learned in the PIC training course or for helping to train new staff.

We hope that you will find this manual useful and will feel free to make suggestions to us about either the manual or the software which you think may be of use.

B. New Features in Version 3

1. Compatibility with Data from Previous Versions

The new report generating software can process any data generated by the previous versions of the software. Version 2.02 and the various beta versions of this release. However, once processed by Version 3, the data will no longer be readable by previous versions.

2. Ability to Record Data on Substrates, Color and Paint Condition

The composition of a substrate and its color can now be entered for each reading. Provisions have been made for entering one-time items or for permanently adding new colors or substrates to pull down lists. The paint condition can now be categorized three ways, intact, fair, or poor.

3. Provision for Numbering Exterior Rooms

Room numbers and descriptions can now be assigned to exterior as well as interior rooms, with the limit for each being 500 rooms.

4. Ability to Print Processed Data to Text Files

Processed data can now be saved as an ASCII text file for importation into a word processor. This feature allows the repm1 to be combined with photos, maps, sketches or any other information which can be merged with the user's word processing software.

5. Ability to Print Processed Data to Database Files

Processed data can now be stored in a comma delimited, ASCII text file for importation into a database. For each reading in the job, this file contains all relevant data, including the value of the reading, with room, substrate, and paint color. It also contains job information such as name of the Inspector Directory in which the file was stored, serial number of the LPA analyzer, and cover sheet information. Thus, it is possible to import data from many jobs into a single database and search for combinations such as "all blue living room doors with fair paint".

6. Addition of a Closet Diagram

A closet diagram has been added to the graphics.

7. Assembly of Job and Project Distribution Reports

Reports can now be generated which contain a table of all of the different types of structures which have been measured in a single job. This table shows by structure, the percentage of measurements which read positive, negative, or inconclusive. This format is often required by HUD.

The **Distribution Reports** from each job can be assembled into a combined report to provide the same type of data for a large project containing many individual jobs.

8. Averaging Reading From Related Items

The auto-entry of averages can be toggled on or off to support changes in the HUD guidelines. This allows averages to be made up of readings from different parts of the same component, or from more than one component of the same type in a single room. Warnings are provided if averages are attempted using inappropriate groups of items.

9. Modification of Cover Sheets

The cover sheets have been modified in several ways. Their names have been changed to Company Cover Sheet, Inspector Cover Sheet, and Job Cover Sheet to reduce confusion as to where to find them and when to edit them. Limits have been installed to prevent excessively long addresses from causing an overflow situation. In addition, the software can now automatically read the serial number directly from the LPA-1 Analyzer and insert it into the appropriate line on the cover sheet.

10. Capability of Exporting Unprocessed Data

Unprocessed data (that is the raw readings contained in the download files) can be saved as a delimited ASCII text file for importation into word processors, spreadsheets, or databases. The delimiter may be a comma, a tab, or a space. These files, which were previously called correlation files, now also contain the serial number of the analyzer.

11. Clarified of Exporting Unprocessed Data

The directory structure has been changed to reduce the chance of data files being stored in unexpected directories.

12. Addition of Sample Data

Sample data has been added for practicing and teaching the use of the software.

13. Utilities for Recovery of Files

Utilities have been added to allow replacement job files to be regenerated from the download files should they become lost or corrupted.

14. Miscellaneous Improvements and Modifications

The printing of the reports has been made faster. Improvements have been made in many small areas of the program to allow more rapid data entry and navigation from one part of the program to another.

15. Elimination of the Ability to Delete Reading

The feature which allowed users to delete readings in the report has been eliminated to comply with the request from several government agencies.

C. Installation

Go to <http://www.protecinstrument.com/rgs/> click the download link. Install the RGS software by following through the steps. Once installed simply click on the icon to launch RGS when needed.

Once the software is installed, double click on the LPA-1 icon to run the software. Select **Setup** from the **Main Menu** and choose the appropriate drive and directory for data storage and the best COM port for communicating with the LPA-1. The Default storage directory is **C:\Data** and the default COM is **COM2**. (In case of problems. please refer to section on troubleshooting later in this manual.)

D. A Note on Windows¹

It is assumed throughout this manual that the reader is thoroughly familiar with Microsoft Windows usage and terminology. If you are not fully acquainted with the Windows environment, it is recommended that you first read the documentation supplied with your Windows software. Of importance is to learn how to move files from one place to another and onto servers or storage devices. This will allow you to back up your files and to move them from one computer to the other with a minimum anxiety.

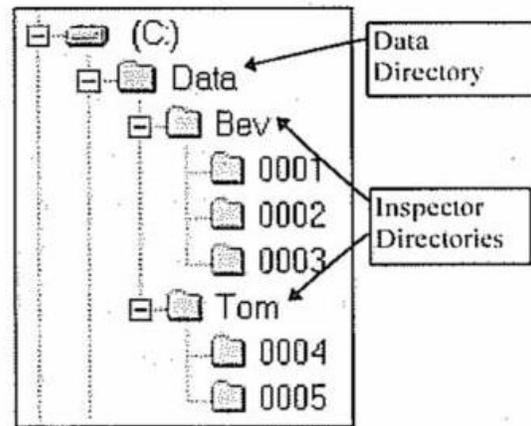
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E. A Note on Files and Directories

Although it may seem somewhat technical, there is really no good way to avoid the question of where files are stored on the hard drive. Much confusion can be avoided if just a few minutes is invested in reviewing the concept of directories as it applies to the Report Generation Software.

The **Data Directory**, usually **C:\Data** is at the top of the tree structure and contains only the file for the **Company Cover Sheet**. The **Inspector Directories** are right below this and hold the **Inspector Cover Sheets** and all the **Download Files** for each **Inspector Directory** are the **Download Directories** which hold all of the **Job Files** for each download.

The directories into which the various files are stored as the data processed are indicated on the screen at the time each is created. It is suggested that for the first few weeks of operation, the user write down these directories so that it will not be necessary to hunt for the files when they are required by other user software. In a fairly short while, the destination of these files will become obvious and this practice can be eliminated.



IV. Operating the Report Generation Software

A. Starting the Report Generation Software

The **Report Generation Software** is activated from the **Desktop** by double-clicking on the icon (displayed at right) in Windows, or by selecting it from the **Start Menu**. Once initiated, the program will briefly display a **Title Screen** showing the version of the software, and will then display the **Main Menu** shown below.



NOTE: If you are going to use the software as you read this manual, make sure that you have already selected the correct Data Directory and the COM port for attaching your analyzer to the computer as described in Section II.B.4., "The Setup Button".

B. Main Menu Functions

The **Main Menu** contains six buttons which are activated by selecting them with the mouse. Hot keys (key combinations using the **Alt** key plus the letter in the name of the screen button which is underlined) are also available for users who may prefer keyboard navigation. The **TAB** key can be used to move between control buttons in the **Main Menu** without the mouse. a technique which is very useful on laptop computers.

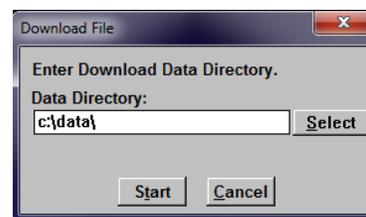


1. The Download Button

The **Download** button is used to transfer data from the LPA-1 Analyzer to your computer using the **Data Transfer Cable** supplied as part of the LPA-1 system. The cable end with the 9-pin DIN connector should be connected to the COM port on your PC that was selected during Setup (using the 25-pin adapter if necessary). The other end of the cable is connected to the LPA-1 by lining up the three pins in the cable connector with the receptacle in the LPA-1 pushing in the cable connector, and then gently turning clockwise until a small click is felt. Once the connector is secure, follow the steps below to download the data.

You will first be asked to set up the directory structure which stores the data for each inspector or job site. Please take the time to read the hints that are provided in the Section I.E., “A Note on Files and Directories”, to help you get acquainted with this aspect of the software. The steps to download the data are as follows:

1. Click on the **Download Button**, or use the Hot Key **Alt-D** to bring up the **Download File Dialog Box**.
2. The download information will be transferred to the **Data Directory**. If another directory exists, use the **Select Button** and your mouse to select it.
3. Activate the analyzer by pressing the **SET Key** on the LPA-1 and holding it for at least 2 seconds until its display shows “DATA TRANSFER”.
4. Click the **START** button on the download dialog box to begin the data transfer process. The name of the download file will be displayed. Remember this name, as you will use it when processing your data (see Section II.C., “Using the Worksheet”). When the transfer of the data from the LPA-1 to the computer is complete, the analyzer will display “Data Sent” while the computer continues to format the data. When the computer has finished storing the new data, it will display the number of **Job Files** that were downloaded.



5. Press the **SET** button on the LPA-1 to exit **Data Transfer** mode. The display will return to **READY** and the analyzer will go to sleep shortly thereafter. Disconnect the interface cable.

2. **The Cover Sheet Button**

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The Report Generation Software stores information about the names and addresses of the job in three separate sheets - the **Company Cover Sheet**, the **Inspector Cover Sheet** and the **Job Cover Sheet**. The **Cover Sheet Button** on the **Main Menu** allows you to edit the first two of these sheets to reduce the amount of repetitive data that must be entered for each job.

There is only one **Company Cover Sheet** and it is in the **Data Directory** (typically **C:\DATA**). It should be edited to contain all the information that will be used “company wide” such as the company name and address, and the company disclaimer statement made for liability purposes.

In contrast, there are often several **Inspector Cover Sheets**, which are located in the **C:\Data\Inspector** directories. The **Inspector Cover Sheets** will have all the information contained in the **Company Cover Sheet** automatically copied into them by the software at the time they were created. They should be edited so that they also contain any information specific to that inspector, such as his or her name and license number.

Finally, there are the **Job Cover Sheets**. These will have all the information contained in the **Inspector Cover Sheet** automatically copied into them by the software at the time they were created. They should also be edited to also contain any information specific to the job.

The function of the **Cover Sheet Button** on the **Main Menu** is to allow the user to enter the correct data into the **Company** and **Inspector Cover Sheets**. Please note that changes made to the **Company Cover Sheet** will not affect any existing **Inspector Cover Sheets**, only new ones, and changes made to the **Inspector Cover Sheets** will not affect any existing **Job Cover Sheets**.

If the software is used correctly, the **Job Cover Sheet**; the one that goes to the customer. will start off with all the company data and inspector data already in it. It can then be edited to include information specific to the job. e.g., the job address, owner’s name, etc. The **Company Cover Sheet** can be edited as follows:

1. Click on the **Cover Sheet** button in the **Main Menu**
2. A dialog box **Load Company** or **Inspector Cover Sheet File** will appear with a box for Directories on the right. and one for File Names on the left. In the Directories box, double click on the **C:** folder. Scroll down and double click the **C:\DATA** folder. select the tile **Company.sht**, and click on OK.
3. Enter the desired information in the **Company Cover Sheet**. You may either use the mouse or the tab and arrow keys to move around the page. If the company owns

The screenshot shows a software window titled "LEAD PAINT INSPECTION REPORT". The background is yellow. At the top right, there are two buttons: "RETURN" and "PRINT". Below these are several text input fields: "REPORT NUMBER:", "INSPECTION FOR:", "PERFORMED AT:", "INSPECTION DATE:", "INSTRUMENT TYPE:" (with subtext "RMD MODEL LPA-1 XRF-TYPE ANALYZER" and "Serial Number:"), "ACTION LEVEL:" (with "mg/cm²" entered), and "OPERATOR LICENSE:". At the bottom, there is a "STATEMENT" section with a large empty box for text, and "SIGNED:" and "Date:" fields.

only one LPA-1 Analyzer. its serial number may also be tilled in.

The editing of the Inspector Cover Sheet data can be done similarly. Just make sure to select the tile called **Inspector.sht** (where Inspector is the name of the inspector or job site) and it is stored in the **C:\Data\Inspector** directory, rather than the **C:\Data** directory.

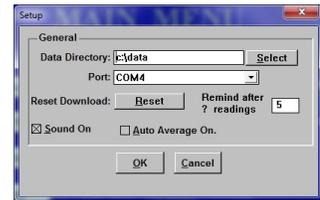
5. The Worksheet Button

When the LPA-1 transfers (downloads) the data to the computer. the computer stores the raw data as a new **download file** in the **Inspector Directory**. It then creates a new subdirectory to hold files for each of the jobs which were held in the gun at that time. To avoid potential problems with duplicate directory names, the computer keeps a simple index of the total number of downloads attempted with that system. The download index is incremented by one each time the computer accepts the data transfer. The download files are given names like **0001.DL**, **0002.DL**, etc. The new subdirectories created by the downloads will have corresponding names such as **C:\DATA\SAMPLES\0001** and **C:\DATA\SAMPLES\0002**.

The data from each job are stored in **job files**. A **job file** name is assigned by the LPA-1 Analyzer and is based on the date and time that the job measurements were begun. The first two digits correspond to the month. the second two correspond to the day, and the last four correspond to the time. Thus, if Inspector Samples started a job at 10:30 A.M. on May 15th. and then downloaded the analyzer into a computer which previously had 46 downloads. the newly created job tile will be located in the directory **C:\DATA\SAMPLES\0047** and the tile name will be **05151030.jbn**. With this file structure, the data from each day's work and from each job are kept in an orderly fashion for future processing.

The **Worksheet Button** opens the worksheet screen which is the basis for entering the location data and combining it with the reading values taken with the analyzer. The screen is reached by clicking on the **Worksheet Button** in the **Main Menu** and then selecting the job file using the following steps.

1. Click on the **Worksheet Button** in the **Main Menu**.
2. A dialog box **Select Work Sheet Job** will appear with **Download Files** on the left. and Job Files on the right. Above these are presented the names of the **Inspector Directory**. If necessary, use the Select Button to change to the **Inspector Directory** (in our example **C:\DATA\SAMPLES**).
3. Once the desired directory has been selected, double click on the desired **download file** in the left box (or single click with **OK**) to bring up the correct set of job names in the right box.
4. Several jobs will appear in the right box. These are the jobs contained within the **download file** just selected. Using the scroll bars if necessary, select the desired job in the right box. The total number of readings contained in the job (displayed directly below the right box) can be used as a check for the correct job.
5. Click **OK** to load the job and display the **Worksheet Screen**.



Once the correct job is loaded into the **Worksheet Screen**, the job processing can begin (please refer to Section C below, entitled “using the Worksheet”).

6. The Setup Button

The **Setup** button displays the **Setup** dialog box. which is used to set the user preferences. These items include the identity of



the **data directory**, the identification of the computer communication port through which the analyzer can transfer its data, the functioning of the sound. the averaging of non-identical items, and the resetting of the index which counts the number of downloads.

a) Specifying the Data Directory

The directory in which the data will be stored can be entered either with the mouse or the keyboard. The default data directory is **C:\Data** or **D:\Data**. Variations can be made according to your preference, although too many nested folders may result in download errors.

b) Specifying the Communications Port

The most common setting for the communication port is. If this setting does not work for your hardware, more details about setting up the COM ports are presented in the Appendix.

c) Specifying the State of the Sound Function

The software will provide audible feedback each time a reading is entered, an error has occurred, or when a dialog box has been opened or closed. Toggling the **Sound** check box controls this option.

d) Specifying the State of Auto Average

The **Auto Average** feature allows sets of readings which were to be averaged together as a set to be entered with a single click of the mouse. In cases when an inspection involves sets of averaged readings taken from non-identical structures, **Auto Average** should be turned off so that each reading in the set can be specified separately.

e) Resetting the Download Index

The **Download Index** is used to generate new numbers for the download tiles being transferred from the LPA-1 Analyzer to the computer and is rarely reset. This feature is most useful when the software is moved to a different computer which has no data. When used, the next download will be named **0001.dl**.

7. The Utilities Button

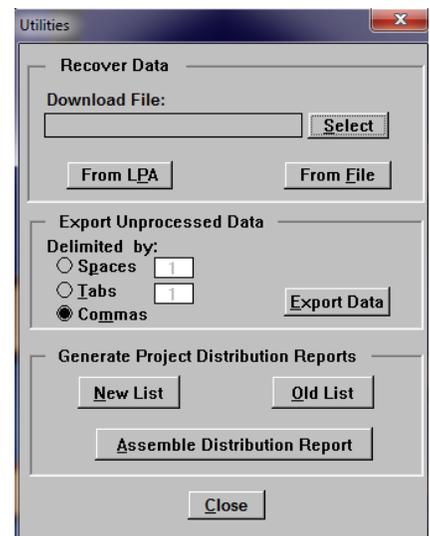
The **Utilities Button** opens a screen which makes available three utilities - **Recover Data**, **Export Unprocessed Data** and **Generate Project Distribution Reports**.

a) Recover Data

The **Recover Data** function is useful when the download procedure has not worked properly, or if the download has been completed and the job tiles have either been corrupted or lost. Data can be recovered from either the Analyzer (**From LPA-1**) or from a previously downloaded file (**From File**). This latter option is appropriate if a download had been successful. but the job tiles were somehow corrupted.

The **Recover Data** utility initiates a standard download, but attempts to correct any errors inherent in the data. The name and location of the recovered download file is displayed on the screen and should be noted for use in the next step of the recovery process.

To recover data from an existing **download file** (created either by the above utility or during normal operations), identify the tile using



the **Select** button. The utility is then initiated with the **From File** button which creates the job files from the data in the **download file** and examines them in a further attempt to eliminate any errors.

b) Exporting Unprocessed Data

This utility allows the user to create text files containing all of the unprocessed data contained in a **download file**. Such files can be imported into other types of user software such as spreadsheets, database programs or word processors for those users who wish to use the data in other report formats.

The utility is used by first selecting the desired **download file** and then clicking on the **Export Data** button. The utility will create one file for each job contained in the download. The format of the file will be ASCII text with each of the fields separated by the delimiter chosen from the utility screen (spaces, tabs, or commas). The first line of the file will contain identifying information such as the job starting and ending time, etc., while each of the following lines will contain the number of the reading and the corresponding lead level. An example of an exported file containing commas is shown below.

```
"Job Start"."03/24/97"." 1 0:59:00"."Job Stop"."03/24./97"." 12: 19:00". "Abatement Lcvcl".1.0
0001. 1.8.""Std"
0001. 1.8.""Std"
0003. 1.7.""Std"
0004. 1.9.""Std"
0005. 1.8.""Std"
0006. 0.1.""Std"
0007. -0.1.""Std"
```

c) Creating Project Distribution Reports

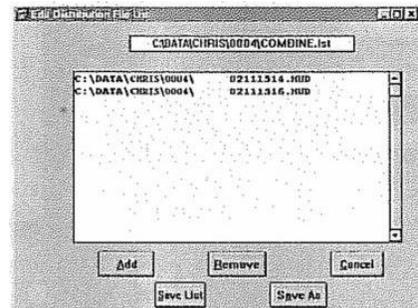
Project Distribution Reports are reports which provide information on what percentage of different types of structures in a project were found to have actionable items. The basis for these reports are the **Job Distribution Reports** which can be generated on a job by job basis from the **Worksheet** part of the software and is discussed in detail in that part of this manual.

The function of this utility is to allow the user to combine many individual **Job Distribution Reports** into a single large report for the purpose of reporting on an entire project. If desired, it is also possible to combine these project reports into a still larger, single report.

Use of this utility involves three steps. First, the individual **Job Distribution Reports** have to be generated through the **Worksheet Screen**. This is often routinely done at the time the job is first processed. Second, a list has to be created which contains the identification numbers of all of those jobs whose data is to be combined into the **Project Report**. This is done by either creating a new list or by editing an existing list. Finally, the list is assembled for viewing, storing or printing.

All of the steps relating to **Distribution Reports** involve the creation of files in the form **filename.hud** (where the extension HUD refers to the fact that these reports arose from HUD guidelines). When each individual job is processed, a file with the name **Job_Name.HUD** is automatically created and kept in the same directory as the **job file**. The creation or editing of a list for the **Project Distribution Report** involves adding the names of these **.HUD** files to the list.

To create a new **Project Distribution Report**, click on **New List**, select the desired directory into which the list and report should be saved, type in the name for the list and click **OK** to bring up the Edit File Distribution List Screen. Use the



Add and **Remove** buttons to edit the list so that it contains all of the **.HUD** files which are to be included in the **Project Distribution Report**. The list can then be saved as a file whose name is of the form *List_Name.LST*. Clicking on **Old List** allows editing to be done in an analogous manner on a list which has previously been assembled.

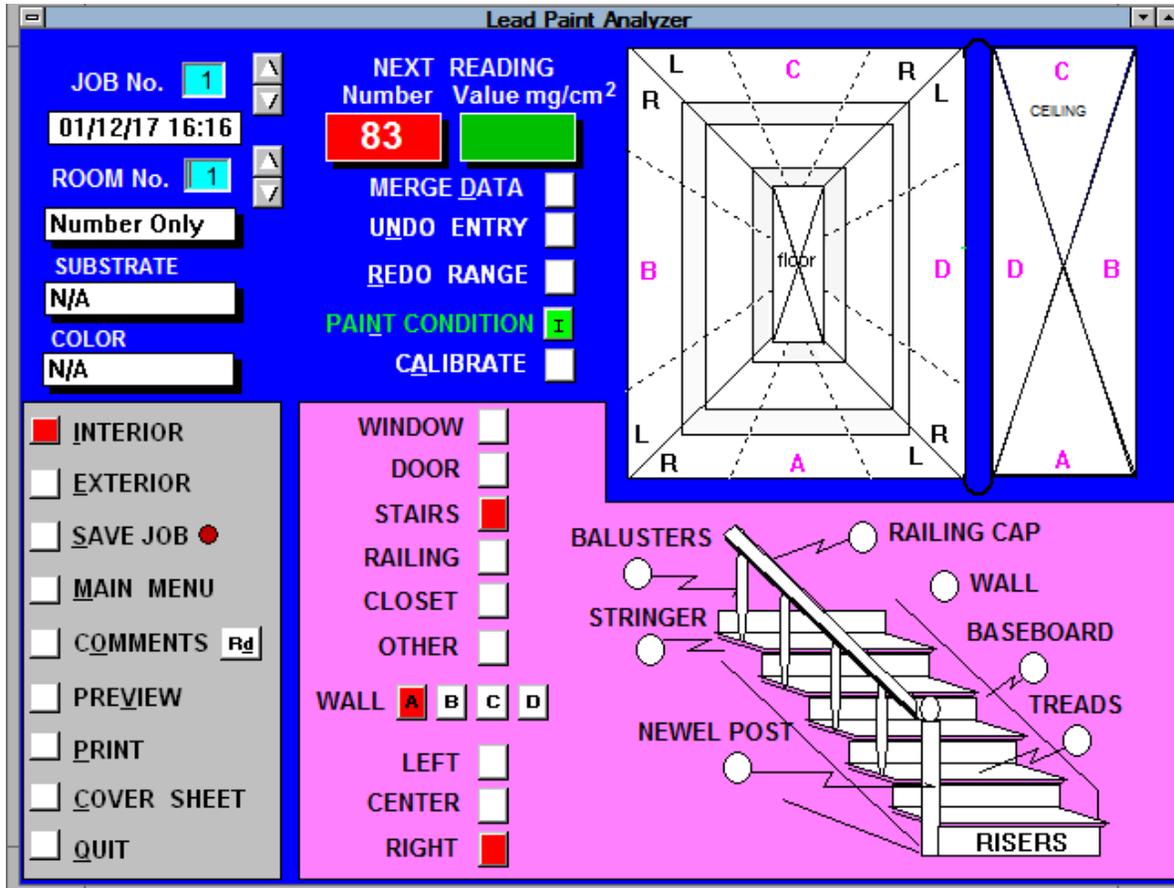
Once the desired list is available, it can be used as the basis of a **Project Distribution Report** by clicking on the **Assemble Distribution Report** button. This button allows the user to select one such tile and to click **OK** to generate a screen preview of the report. The report can be printed directly from that screen.

The **Project Distribution Report** is automatically saved in text form with the name of the form *List_Name.HUD*. Like all tiles ending in **.HUD**, this tile can be imported into a word processor for customization.

8. The Quit Button

The **QUIT Button** exits the software. After pressing the **QUIT Button**, the software will prompt you with a dialog box. Press **OK** to exit the software, or **CANCEL** to return.

C. Using the Worksheet



When using the **Report Generation Software**, you will spend most of your time in the **Worksheet Screen**. From this screen, you can enter the locations associated with the lead readings. input room names. numbers and comments. edit the **Job Cover Sheet**. save the job. preview the reports on screen, print the reports to the printer or to files, and switch to other jobs which are contained in the same download.

1. Entering and Exiting the Worksheet

The **Worksheet Screen** for a given job can be entered either from the **Main Menu** or from another job in the same download. It can be exited by going back to the **Main Menu**, choosing a different job in the same download, or quitting the program. If any changes have made to the job, the user will be prompted to save the work with the Save Job dialog box.

a) Job Number

The **Worksheet Screen** displays data from one job at a time. The job being processed. as well as its starting date and time, are displayed in the upper left hand corner of the screen. The job date and time will match the Job Number that was written down on the field inspection

worksheets. Alongside the **Job Number** are **Up** or **Down Job Number** arrow which the user can use to change to other jobs from the same download.

b) Main Menu

The **Main Menu** button returns the user to the **Main Menu**.

c) Quit

This button allows the user to exit the software.

d) Save Job

The **SAVE JOB** button allows the user to update the **Job File** with any changes made since the file was brought into the **Worksheet Screen**. Adjacent to the **SAVE JOB** button is a small circle that will change to red if data has been entered which has not yet been saved.

IMPORTANT!! NOTE:

Before exiting the software. or changing to another job it is important that the user save the job that has been completed, otherwise all processed data will be lost.

2. Entering the Correct Location

All readings are assigned to one of two **locations** - **Interior** or **Exterior**. The **Report Generation Software** will always start with the **Interior** screen. which is the graphic representation of a generic room seen on the paper inspection worksheets. The **Interior** and **Exterior** buttons are used to change between the two **locations**.

3. Entering the Correct Room

Readings can be assigned to a specific Room Number which may be given a descriptive name.

a) Room Number

The **Room Number** field. located below the **Job Number** field, indicates the present room number. The **Room Number** is entered by typing in a number or by clicking the adjacent arrows.

b) Room Name

By default, the **Room Name** is “Number Only”. However, most users will use this feature to enter a more descriptive name. This is accomplished by first changing to the desired **Room Number** and only afterwards entering the **Room Name**. **Room Names** are entered by clicking the **Room Name** field to open the **Room Name** dialog box. The **Room Name** field is located directly beneath the field containing the **Room Number**. The **Room Name** dialog box will allow the user to select a **Room Name** from a list of **Standard Room Names** or to assign a **Custom Name** typed in at that time. Provisions are also made for permanently adding or deleting names to the **Standard List**. **Room Names** are limited to 11 characters to allow the reports to print in columnar form. Assignment of the **Room Name** is complete when the user either clicks on **OK** or closes the box by opening another dialog box or entering a reading.



4. Entering the Correct Testing Conditions

The software has provisions for three types of information to be entered about the paint, namely the material of the substrate, the color of the paint and the condition of the paint.

a) *Substrate*

The dialog box used for entering the material of the substrate functions identically to that used to enter the description of the rooms. It is opened by clicking on the **Substrate** field which is located directly below the **Room Description** field. Clicking on this field not only opens the dialog box but also closes automatically other dialog boxes. As with the **Room Name** (and **Paint Color** discussed below) assignment of the **Substrate Material** is complete when the user either clicks on **OK** or closes the box by opening another dialog box or entering a reading.



b) *Paint Color*

The color of the paint is entered in the same manner as the **Substrate Material**. Its dialog box is opened by clicking on the **Paint Color** field located directly below the **Substrate Field**, and provisions have been provided for entering both standard and custom colors.

c) *Paint Condition*

The **Paint Condition** can be entered by clicking the button located slightly to the right and slightly above the **Paint Color** field. The possible **Paint Condition** values are (I) **Intact Paint**, (F) **Fair Paint**, and (P) **Poor Paint** (the default). To toggle among these values, click on the **Paint Condition** button until the desired description appears. For ease of use, a distinctive color of the button has been assigned to each of the values.

5. Entering the Correct Wall

As part of the data entry, the **Identification of the Wall** on which the object is located (A, B, C, or D) as well as its **Location on that Wall** (left, center, or right) must be indicated. The method by which this data is entered is dependent on where the reading was taken.

If the reading was taken on an object contained in the **Interior Diagram**, clicking on the appropriate section will enter both the **Wall Identification** and the **Location on the Wall**. If the reading was taken on an object contained in the **Exterior Diagram**, the **Wall Identification** must be entered first using the **Wall Identification** buttons located directly below the sketch. All other readings require that the **Wall Identification** and the **Location on the Wall** be entered using the set of buttons located below the **Other Structure** button in the lower center of the screen.

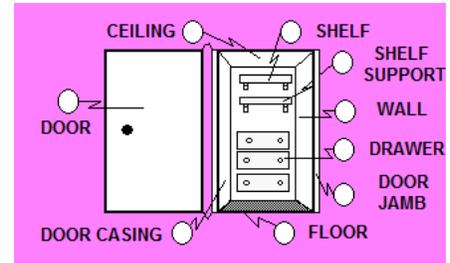
If the user fails to specify all the necessary information, the program will display the prompt "PLEASE FILL IN MISSING INFORMATION." Click on **OK** to remove the message, then enter the missing information.

6. Entering the Correct Structure

The building structure that should be associated with each reading can be assigned in three ways. The first is to call **Standard Structural Diagrams** (**window, door, stairs, railing, and closet**) and clicking on the relevant **Structural Member** of that object. The second is to call up the **Other Structure** dialog box and use either an existing item or input a new item. The third method is to click on the appropriate location using either the **Interior** or **Exterior Diagram**.

a) Standard Structures

The **Standard Structural Diagrams** – window, door, stairs, railing, and closet, are opened by using the appropriate buttons in the lower center of the **Worksheet Screen**. The reading is then entered by clicking on the desired **Structural Member** in the diagram.



b) Other Structures

Readings taken on structures other than the live common structures listed above may be entered using the **Other** button, located directly below the **Closet** button. This option calls up the **Other Structure** dialog box which allows the user to enter custom items or to choose from a list of previously stored items. The dialog box used for this feature functions in the same manner as that used for the **Room Name**.



7. Entering a Reading

Most readings are assigned to their locations by clicking on the location of the reading in one of the diagrams. In contrast, readings which represent **Calibrations** do not require location information and are entered using the **Calibration** button located in the top center of the **Worksheet Screen**.

Readings which are part of a set of **Averaged Readings** are entered in exactly the same manner as non-averaged readings. If **Auto Average** has been turned on in the **Setup** dialog box (called from the **Main Menu**), the software automatically assigns all readings in a set to the same location, requiring only one mouse click for the entire set. If **Auto Average** has not been turned on, a separate click is required for each reading in the set (except for calibrations). Note that HUD guidelines prohibit the averaging of readings which are too disparate and the software will provide prompts to indicate when such an average has been attempted.

a) The Reading Number and Lead Value Indicators

At the top center of the screen are located two fields, the **Reading Number** and **Lead Value** indicators, which provide the user information about the **Next Reading** which is to be entered. This information is of great help in allowing the user to keep track of where he or she is in the sequence of readings.

b) Calibrations

It is recommended that every job begin and end with a set of calibration measurements using the lead paint standard provided with the LPA-1. To process the calibration readings, click the **Calibrate** button to define the appropriate readings as **Calibration Readings**. PIC recommends that three **Calibration Readings** should be taken on the lead paint side of the standard and three readings on a piece of unpainted wood. Following this recommendation, you would click on the **Calibrate** button six times at the beginning and six times at the end of the job.

8. Editing a Reading

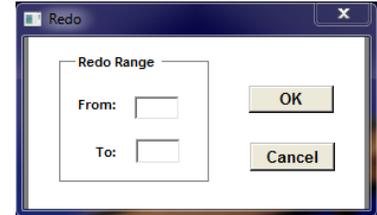
Readings can be edited in two ways - by Undoing the last reading or by Redoing a range of readings.

a) *Undo*

If there is an entry error on a previous data point, it is possible to erase the last entry by clicking on the **Undo Entry** button. The **Undo Entry** button erases the entries one at a time, starting with the last one, and decrements the **Next Reading** field.

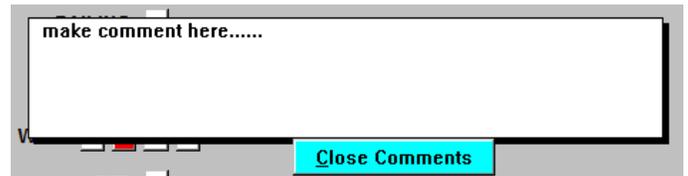
b) *Redo Range*

It is possible to erase and replace any group of entries by clicking on the **Redo Range** button. When this button is clicked, the user can select any sequential group of readings in the Job to be overwritten. After the locations have been re-entered, the **Next Reading** box will automatically return to the last entry. To use this option, simply type in the range in the boxes labeled “From” and “To”, and click **OK**. **Entering Extra Information**



c) *Room Comments*

The **Comments** button allows the user to enter comments for a particular room. For example, to enter a comment for room 3, click on the **Comments** button while the **Room Number** reads 3. Position the cursor in the **Comments** field box by clicking there with the mouse. Type the **Comments** for room 3 and then close the box by using either the **Comments** button or the **Close Comments** button located under the **Comments** box.



d) *Cover Sheet*

The **Job Cover Sheet** contains information specific to the particular job being processed. Unlike the **Company Cover Sheet** and the **Inspector Cover Sheet** which are stored in separate files, the **Job Cover Sheet** information is stored as part of the **Job File** and cannot be edited without calling up the job to the **Worksheet Screen**. When it is first called up for editing, all of the information on the **Inspector Cover Sheet** is copied to it. However, once the **Job Cover Sheet** has been processed, changes made to the **Inspector Cover Sheet** have no effect and all editing must be done from the **Worksheet Screen**.

9. **Printing a Report**

The printing functions of the **Worksheet Screen** allow the user to preview, print, or save as a text file any of the four report formats plus a cover sheet. These report formats are the **Sequential Report**, the **Detailed Report**, the **Summary Report**, and the **Distribution Report**. In addition, the print function provides the means to complete file of all data can be generated for export to most outside database programs.

a) *The Job Cover Sheet*

The **Job Cover Sheet** contains the specific site information and should be edited from the **Worksheet Screen**. While most of the items on the sheet are entered by the user, the **Action Level**, the **Report Job Number** and, for newer instruments, the **Serial Number** of the



analyzer are taken automatically from the data downloaded from the LPA-1.

b) The Sequential Report

The **Sequential Report** lists all the readings which have been processed in exactly the order in which they were taken in the field. The **Sequential Report**, as well as the **Summary** and **Detailed Reports** discussed below, contains all of the location and paint condition information that has been entered into the worksheet. Each reading which is part of a set of averaged readings is shown individually followed by the average for the set.

No.	Name	Wall	Structure	Location	Member	Paint	Cond	Substrate	Color	Lead (mg/cm²)	Mode
1	CALIBRATION									0.7	TC
2	CALIBRATION									0.7	TC
3	CALIBRATION									0.7	TC
4	001 Foyer	A	Wall	I	Chr	I	Wood	White		0.4	QM
5	001 Foyer	B	Wall	I	Chr	I	Wood	White		0.5	QM
6	001 Foyer	C	Wall	I	Chr	I	Wood	White		0.3	QM
7	001 Foyer	D	Wall	I	Chr	I	Wood	White		0.8	QM
8	001 Foyer	A	Window	Rgt	Shel	I	Wood	Blue		0.8	QM
9	001 Foyer	A	Window	Rgt	Apron	I	Wood	Blue		0.8	QM
10	001 Foyer	A	Window	Rgt	Rgt casing	I	Wood	Blue		0.2	QM
11	001 Foyer	A	Window	Rgt	Lft casing	I	Wood	Blue		0.3	QM
12	001 Foyer	A	Window	Rgt	Header	I	Wood	Blue		0.4	QM
13	001 Foyer	A	Door	Lft	I, Chr	I	Wood	Blue		0.8	QM
14	001 Foyer	A	Door	Lft	Lft casing	I	Wood	Blue		0.8	QM
15	001 Foyer	A	Door	Lft	Rgt casing	I	Wood	Blue		0.8	QM
16	001 Foyer	A	Door	Lft	Header	I	Wood	Blue		0.7	QM
17	002 Living Rm	A	Wall	I	Chr	I	Plaster	Beige		0.8	QM
18	002 Living Rm	B	Wall	I	Chr	I	Plaster	Beige		1.0	QM
19	002 Living Rm	C	Wall	I	Chr	I	Plaster	Beige		1.0	QM
20	002 Living Rm	D	Wall	I	Chr	I	Plaster	Beige		1.0	QM
21	002 Living Rm	D	Stairc	Chr	Wall	I	Plaster	Beige		0.5	QM
22	002 Living Rm	D	Stairc	Chr	Handboard	I	Wood	Beige		0.5	QM

c) The Detailed Report

The **Detailed Report** provides a listing of all the readings in almost the same format as does the **Sequential Report**. However, in this report, the readings are reordered and segregated first by room number and then by type of structure with **Exterior Rooms** appearing first. User-entered comments for each room appear immediately beneath the readings taken in that room. **Calibration** readings appear separately, at the end of the report.

Reading No.	Wall	Structure	Location	Member	Paint	Cond	Substrate	Color	Lead (mg/cm²)	Mode
Interior Room 001 Bathroom										
001	A	Wall	U	Lft	I	Plaster	N/A		0.0	QM
002	B	Wall	U	Lft	I	Plaster	N/A		0.1	QM
003	C	Wall	U	Lft	I	Plaster	N/A		0.1	QM
007	Door	Door	Lft	Rgt casing	I	Metal	N/A		0.1	QM
006	C	Door	Lft	U Rgt	I	Metal	N/A		0.0	QM
004	D	Wall	U	Lft	I	Plaster	N/A		0.3	QM
005	D	Ceiling	Lft	Lft	I	Plaster	N/A		0.1	QM
008	D	Closet	Lft	Wall	I	Plaster	N/A		0.2	QM
010	D	Closet	Lft	Shelf Sup.	I	Wood	N/A		0.2	QM
009	D	Closet	Lft	Shelf	I	Wood	N/A		0.0	QM
Interior Room 002 Liv/Kit										
011	A	Wall	U	Lft	I	Plaster	N/A		0.2	QM
017	A	Door	Rgt	Lft casing	I	Metal	N/A		0.1	QM
016	A	Door	Rgt	U Rgt	I	Metal	N/A		0.0	QM
012	B	Wall	U	Lft	I	Plaster	N/A		0.1	QM
018	B	Closet	Lft	Door	I	Metal	N/A		0.0	QM

d) The Summary Report

The **Summary Report** is organized identically to the **Detailed Report**. However, for this report, only readings or averaged sets which have a lead value that is equal to or greater than the preset abatement level are shown (i.e., the actionable items).

e) The Distribution Report

The **Distribution Report** provides a summarized listing of all structures analyzed in a particular job. It details the total number of readings taken on structure types and breaks out the percentage distribution of **Negative**, **Positive**, and **Inconclusive** readings from that total. The report orders the structures alphabetically. Sets of averaged readings are treated as a single reading.

As was discussed in the prior section under the **Main Menu Utilities**, it is possible to combine **Distribution Reports** from many individual jobs into a single **Project Report**.

Structure	Total	Positive	Negative	Inconclusive
Cabinet Door	1	0	<0%	0
Cabinet Fram	1	0	<0%	0
Cabinet Shel	1	0	<0%	0
Ceiling	3	0	<0%	0
Closet Ceiling	2	0	<0%	0
Closet Door	1	0	<0%	0
Closet Shelf	3	0	<0%	0
Closet Shelf Sup.	3	0	<0%	0
Closet Wall	3	0	<0%	0
Door Lft casing	2	0	<0%	0
Door Rgt casing	1	0	<0%	0
Door U Rgt	3	0	<0%	0
Fent	1	0	<0%	0
Wall	12	0	<0%	0
Window Sill	2	0	<0%	0
Inspection Totals:	39	0	<0%	0

f) Preview

The **Preview** button allows the user to view each section of the report in the form in which it will be printed. Navigation through the report is done using the **Scroll Bar** or the **Page Up** and **Page Down** keys. While previewing, it is not possible to modify data, but only to review entries made so far. A **Return** button is provided at the top of the screen. Once back at the **Preview** dialog box, another report can be chosen or the user can return to the **Worksheet** by

clicking on **Cancel**.

g) Print

The **Print** function allows the user to print to a printer, save to a text file, or create a file useful for exporting data to a database program. Printing is only practical when done on a relatively modern inkjet or laser jet printer which has been properly installed into the Windows environment with an up to date software driver supplied by the manufacturer of the printer. Since some of the printout is graphical, most notably the **Cover Sheet**, printing of these reports will take somewhat longer than simple text documents done with the same hardware.



For those users who wish to edit the reports into a substantially different format, provision has been provided to print the reports in the form of standard ASCII text tiles which can be imported into any modern word processor. By appropriately toggling the buttons in the **Print** dialog box, the resulting text tile can be made to contain from one to live of the available reports.

Some care should be used when trying to print out the reports from word processors. The files have been designed so that the alignment of the columns will remain good if they are printed in a font which is non- proportional. Excellent results can be obtained using Courier New, pitch 9, bold, single line spacing with no indents or spaces before or after the paragraphs, left and right margins of 0.8", and top and bottom margins of 0.7".

For those users who rely on MS Word. a template called **LPA-1.Dot** is included in the installation directory for this **Report Generation Software**. When using Word, it is often easier to make a new file with this template and then insert the text file containing the report into it. If the file is opened directly, Word will impose the Normal Template on it and cause the document to have the incorrect font and setup.

The option of printing to a **Database File** creates a file which can be readily imported into a spreadsheet or database program. This file, which is in ASCII text with comma delimiters, contains almost all of the information which is in the processed job tile, including the cover sheet information, the reading values, the location information and the paint conditions. It does not contain the room comments.

D. Summary

The LPA Report Generation Software has been designed to allow lead paint inspectors to enter large amounts of data with the minimum of effort and opportunities for error. This release of the software incorporates many changes and new concepts which were suggested by LPA- I users based on their field experience. We welcome further suggestions along this line and will attempt to incorporate the best of these suggestions into future versions of this package.

V. Installation and Configuration

A. Configuring Your Hardware

Before installing the **Report Generation Software** be sure that your computer hardware is configured properly. The LPA-1 uses an RS-232 serial communication port (COM port) to transfer data to the PC. The purpose of the hardware configuration step is to allow the LPA-1 to be connected to a serial port on the computer in such a manner that the communication between the LPA-1 and the computer is not blocked by the presence of other hardware in the computer.

On many computers, the mouse occupies one of the serial ports. If your computer has only one port, then either an alternative mouse port must be used or a second serial port must be added for the LPA-1. The LPA-1 cannot share a port with the mouse.

Once a free port has been identified into which to plug the LPA-1 interface cable, it is essential to ensure that no other device uses the same port or otherwise conflicts with it. The most common conflict arises between the LPA-1 and the modem, when both are assigned the same port. If you believe that such a conflict has arisen, read the following instructions on changing your modem port assignment to **COM4**.

If you are using Windows 3.1, go to the **Program Manager** and open the group called **Main**. Open the program called **Control Panel**. Open the **Ports** icon, followed by the **COM2** icon. Choose **Settings**, and then **Advanced Settings**. Record the settings as they are so that they can be restored in case you run into trouble. The **Base Address** should be set to 02F8 (zero-two-f-eight), the **Interrupt** to 3, and the **Baud Rate** to 9600. Then click **OK** two separate times and select **COM4**. Repeat the process, but set **COM4's Base Address** to 02E8 (zero-two-e-eight). Click **OK** twice and exit from the **Control Panel**. Run your modem software and change its modem setting to **COM4**.

If you are using Windows 95, select **Settings** from the **Start Button** and select **Control Panel**. Open the **System** icon and select the **Device Manager** tab. Open the **Ports** icon, followed by the **COM2** icon. Select the **Port Settings** tab. Set the **Bits per second** to 9600. Select the **Resources** tab. Record the settings as they are, so that they can be restored in case you run into trouble. The **Input/Output Range** should be set to 02F8-02FF, and the **Interrupt Request** should be set to 3 (on most systems this is **Basic Configuration 0001**). Press the OK button and open the **COM4** icon. Set the **Input/Output Range** to 02E8-02EF (on most systems this is **Basic Configuration 0003**) and the **Interrupt Request** to 3. Press the **OK** button.

B. Installing the Report Generation Software

Prior to using the **Report Generation Software**, it must be installed into the computer and configured. The computer should be a PC with at least a 486-SX processor, 4MB of memory (16MB for Windows 95) and 5MB of free space on the hard drive; additional hard drive space will be required for data files.

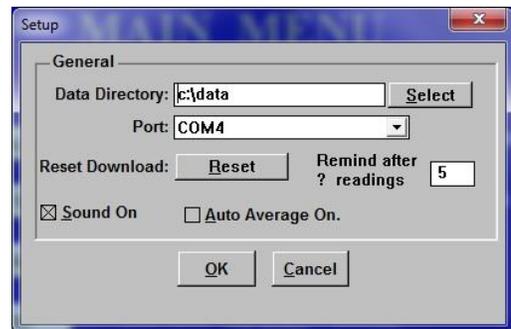
If you have a previous version of the **Report Generation Software** loaded on your system, it will not be removed. Version 3 of the **Report Generation Software** will be installed in a different directory to avoid any conflicts with previously installed versions.

The installation of the **Report Generation Software** must be performed using the standard Windows installation technique detailed below:

1. Close all programs that may be running and insert Disk 1 into a floppy drive.
2. Choose **Run** from the **File** Menu in the **Program Manager** of Windows 3.1 or the Start Button in Windows 95.
3. In the **Command** line box, enter **A:SETUP.EXE**, modifying the drive letter as appropriate. and click on **OK**.
4. Indicate the preferred directory for the software or accept the default location suggested by the software. PIC recommends that you accept the default directory.
5. Select the **FULL** installation option and follow the instructions on the screen.
6. Indicate the preferred location for the sample data provided with the software.
7. Review the **Release Notes** by double-clicking on the README

C. Configuring the Report Generation Software

After installation, the software must be configured so that it knows where to locate the data files and the LPA-1. To configure the software, start the **Report Generation Software** from the **Program Manager** by double clicking on the LPA-1 icon inside the LPA-1 group. Once the software has passed the **Opening Screen** and paused at the **Main Menu**, choose **SETUP**. Click **OK** at the reminder, then select the appropriate **COM** port (default is **COM2**), and enter the **Data Directory** (usually **C:\DATA**). You



You may also change the options, but it is often best to accept the defaults until more experience is gained with the software. To save the settings, click on **OK**. If the desired data directory does not exist, the software will create it at this point. This step, which returns the user to the **Main Menu**, completes the process of configuring the computer hardware, and of installing and configuring the software.

VI. Troubleshooting

A. Printing Errors

The most common printing errors result from trying to print more documents or reports at one time than either the computer or printer can handle. If one or more section prints incorrectly, try printing only one section at a time. If at any time an error occurs and the **Printing Report** message box remains on the screen, hit **Alt-F4** to close it. Then check to make sure the computer is correctly configured for use with the desired printer. To do this, open the **Main** group within the Windows **Program Manager**, open the **Control Panel**, and open the **Printers** icon (in Windows 95, choose **Settings** from the **Start Button** and select **Printers**). A window listing all available print drivers will be displayed. Ensure that the proper printer is set as the default.

The **Report Generation Software** prints the same information it displays on the screen. If printed text differs from a preview screen the printer driver software might not be compatible. Contact the manufacturer of the printer and describe what defects are on the printed page versus the preview. Ask if they can suggest another compatible print driver that might remove the defects. As an alternative, try using the standard Windows print drivers located on your Windows installation disks.

In general, having the **Print Manager** turned off will give better results when printing. The software performs its own spooling to the printer. Using the **Print Manager** causes this action to happen twice and will slow down the printing process. To turn off the **Print Manager** in Windows 3.1, open the **Main** group from within the Windows **Program Manager**, then open the **Control Panel**. Double click on the Printers icon. At the bottom of the **Printers** window is a box labeled **Print Manager**. If this box has an **X** in it, then your Print Manager is turned on. Click on the box to remove the **X**, then press Close.

In Windows 95, the **Print Manager** can be turned off on a printer-by-printer basis. Choose **Settings** from the **Start Button** and select **Printers**. Right-click on your default printer and choose **Properties**. Choose the **Details** tab and press the **Spool Settings** button. Choose the option **Print** directly to the printer. Press the **OK** button two times to exit.

Certain printers have a switch or set of switches that allow them to emulate another manufacturer's printer. If problems with printing are not solved by either of the above actions, contact your printer manufacturer to see if your printer can emulate another industry standard model.

B. Download Error Messages

1. Could Not Communicate with the LPA-1

This message indicates that there was no communication between the PC and the LPA-1. This message can appear for a variety of reasons. If you receive this message, attempt the following corrections:

- Confirm that the **Data Transfer Cable** is firmly attached to both the LPA-1 and the PC.
- Confirm that the LPA-1 is turned on and is displaying **DATA TRANSFER** on its display.
- Confirm that the **Data Transfer Cable** is inserted into the proper **COM** port. Try setting up the Report Generation Software to use different ports.
- If you have a modem, make certain you have set it up so as not to conflict with the LPA-1's communication. Refer to Section III.A., "Configuring Your Hardware".

2. Could Not Open COM2 Port

This message indicates that the computer had difficulty opening the **COM2** port, which it uses to communicate with the LPA-1. If you receive this message, attempt the following corrections:

- Confirm that the **Report Generation Software** is set up to use the **COM2** port.
- If you have a modem, make certain you have set it up so as not to conflict with the LPA-1's communication. Refer to Section III.A., "Configuring Your Hardware".

C. A Note on Files and Directories

Although it may seem somewhat technical, there is really no good way to avoid the question of where files are stored on the hard drive. Much confusion can be avoided if just a few minutes is invested in reviewing the concept of directories as it applies to the **Report Generation Software**.

Most LPA-1 users will have a directory structure as shown in the diagram below. The top directory is **C:\Data** and contains only the file for the **Company Cover Sheet**, namely **Company.sht**.

Beneath this are the subdirectories for each of the two inspectors in our example.

C:\Data\Bev and **C:\Data\Tom**. The **Inspector Directories**

(Bev and Tom) each contain an **Inspector Cover Sheet** file

(**Bev.SHT** and **Tom.SHT**) and the **Download Files** each has

taken from his or her analyzer. In our example, Bev did

downloads number 1, 2, and 3. Her **Inspector Directory**

contains three files (**0001.DL**, **0002.DL**, and **0003.DL**). Within

her **Inspector Directory** we find three subdirectories

(**C:\Data\Bev\0001**, **C:\Data\Bcv\0002**, and

C:\Data\Bcv\0003), each corresponding to one download.

Each subdirectory contains all the job tiles for each of the jobs

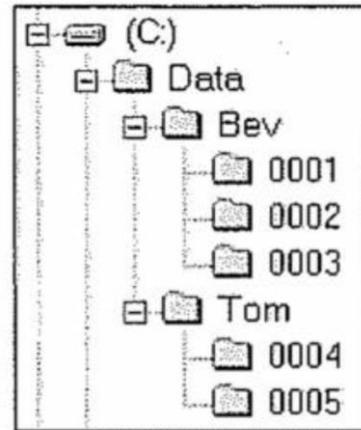
from one download. Similarly, Tom did downloads 4 and 5. His

Inspector Directory contains two tiles (**0004.DL** and **0005.DL**).

Within his **Inspector Directory** we find two subdirectories

(**C:\Data\Tom\0004** and **C:\Data\Tom\0005**), each corresponding to one download.

Each subdirectory contains all the job files for each of the jobs from one download.



D. Daily Backup of the Report Generation Software Data

The data stored in the personal computer comprises the basis of the reports which will be provided to the client and will be backed up on a daily basis. If the data is lost from the hard drive, it cannot be recovered except from a backup on either a diskette or a tape drive.

Choose **Setup** from the **Main Menu** of the **Report Generation Software** to enter the **Setup** dialog box. The **Setup** screen will display the location of your data tiles. You should backup this directory (along with its nested subdirectories) periodically, in a manner as you see fit.

E. Technical Support

In the event that you require assistance using your **Report Generation Software**, PIC will be glad to provide you with Technical Support. You can call us at (617) 318-5050 or email us at support@protecinstrument.com between the hours of 9 A.M. and 5 P.M., Eastern time.

VII. Tutorial

A. Introduction

This tutorial is designed to give the user the chance to practice creating an **inspection report** with the **Report Generation Software**. The **Report Generation Software** installs sample data into a subdirectory of your **Data Directory**, the **Inspector Directory** named SAMPLES. This sample data will be used in the tutorial.

In the examples below, we refer to data as being on drive **C**. If you loaded your data onto a different drive, simply replace **C** with the letter of your drive (if your data is on drive **D**, then **C:\Data** becomes **D:\Data**).

Before beginning the tutorial, you must install the Report Generation Software. Follow the procedures in Section III, "Installation and Configuration", to assure proper installation.

B. Lesson #1 – Starting and Accessing Downloads

In this lesson, you will make sure that the **Report Generation Software** is configured properly, locate the sample data, and load a **job file**.

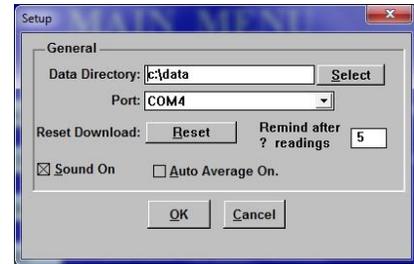
1. Start the Report Generation Software and Check the Setup

Start the software by double-clicking on the **LPA-1 icon** in the Windows **Program Manager**, or by selecting it from the Windows 95 **Start Button**. As the software starts, you will briefly see a title screen, followed by the **Main Menu**.

Click the **SETUP** button. Click **OK** to bypass the reminder message and display the Setup dialog box, shown right. Make sure the **Data Directory** is the directory in which your data is located. For instance, if you loaded your data onto drive **C**, you should type **C:\Data**.

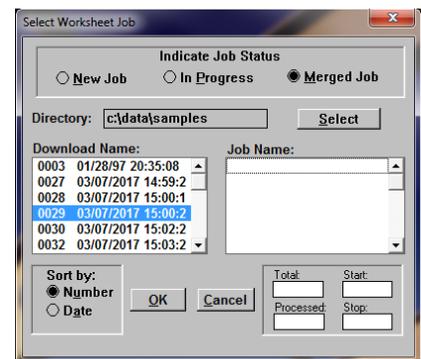
NOTE: DO NOT TYPE C:\DATA\SAMPLES. THIS IS A COMMON MISTAKE.

While in the **Setup Screen**, check to make sure that both **Sound** and **Auto Average** are turned on. Click **OK** to save any changes and return to the **Main Menu**.



2. Select the Directory Which Holds the Correct Job Files

Your inspector's name is Inspector Samples. All of the data from Inspector Sample's LPA-1 is loaded into the **Inspector Directory C:\Data\Samples**. Each time Inspector Samples downloads the LPA-1, the **Report Generation Software** creates a new download file in the **Inspector Directory**, as well as a new subdirectory containing the new job files. For example, Inspector Samples performed a download for the first time, the **Report Generation Software** would create the download file **C:\Data\Samples\0001.DL**. The job files would be placed in the directory **C:\Data\Samples\0001**. Later on, when Inspector Samples performs the next download, the **Report Generation Software** will create the download file **C:\Data\Samples\0002.DL**, and place the job files in the directory **C:\Data\Samples\0002**.



Press the **WORKSHEET** button to open the **Select Worksheet Job** dialog box which will prompt you to select a job. First, you must select the proper **Inspector Directory**. Press the **Select** button to open the **Select Download File** dialog box. Navigate to the proper directory (on the right side of the screen, double-click on **C**, double-click on **Data**, and then double-click on **Samples**). You will see three tiles appear in the tile list box on the left side of the screen. Choose **0001.DL** and press the **OK** button to return to the **Select Worksheet Job** dialog box.

3. Select the Correct Job File

On the left side of the dialog box you will see a list of three download tiles. You will open a job from download **0001**. Select **0001** by clicking on it: the two jobs contained in that download will appear on the right side of the dialog box.

Select the first job (**02271135**) by clicking on it. The job's status appears below the **Job Name** box, indicating that it contains 8 readings, of which none have been processed. Select the second job: it has 20 readings, of which none have been processed. Open job **02271135** by selecting it, and pressing **OK** to load it into the **Worksheet** screen. It is from this screen that location data will be entered into the job tile.

Stop! You have reached the end of Lesson #1. You can proceed on to Lesson #2 or read Sections II.B.3. ("The Worksheet Button") and II.B.4. ("The Setup Button") of this manual for more details on what you have just learned. To return to the **Main Menu**, press the **MAIN MENU** button, located in the lower left-hand corner of the **Worksheet** window.

C. Lesson #2 – Entering Data Into a Worksheet

If you are not continuing from Lesson 1, you will need to open up the first job (**02271135**) in **0001.DL** located in **C:\DATA\SAMPLES**. Refer to Lesson #1 for instructions.

In this lesson, you will process a job by entering the data contained on the field worksheets (shown below) while in the **Worksheet** screen. The field sheet shows that **6** readings were taken in room **3** (the **nursery**). Of the **6** readings, some were on **wood**, some on **plaster**, some with **green** paint, and some with **red**.

ADDRESS _____

JOB # 022796 1135

CALCHK _____

UNIT # 1

ROOM # 3

NURSERY

READINGS ON UNSOUND PAINT ARE CIRCLED

CHAIR RAIL BASEBOARD

FLOOR

CEILING

4, 5, 6
PLASTER
RED
INTACT

1, 2, 3
WOOD
GREEN
INTACT

WALL (A) (B) (C) (D)

LEFT ()

RIGHT ()

CENTER ()

WALL (A) (B) (C) (D)

LEFT ()

RIGHT ()

CENTER (X)

WALL (A) (B) (C) (D)

LEFT ()

RIGHT ()

CENTER ()

COMMENTS: _____

RMD WATERTOWN, MA
1-800-LEAD-RMD

1. Enter the Worksheet

Upon entering the **Worksheet**, the **JOB No.** is shown in the upper right corner of the screen, below which are the **Job Start Date** and **Time**. Since this is the first job of the download, the **JOB No.** box displays **1**. The **Arrow Keys** next to the **JOB No.** box can be used to navigate to other jobs within the same download_

Take note of three other buttons, **MAIN MENU**, **QUIT**, and **SAVE JOB**, which are located in the gray region in the lower left corner of the window. Clicking the **MAIN MENU**

button will return you to the **Main Menu**, while clicking the **QUIT** button will exit the **Report Generation Software**. If you decide to perform either of these actions, however, you should press **SAVE JOB** to save your work.

2. Select the Correct Location

First check to ensure that you are about to enter the next reading in the sequence. In the upper center of the screen is a box showing the **next reading** to be entered (reading **1**) and its **lead value (0.7 mg/cm²)**. According to the field sheet, reading 1 is on a reading taken in the Interior of the building in **Room #3**, the **nursery**.

The location (**Interior** or **Exterior**) is selected using the two boxes on the middle left hand side of the screen. Click alternatively on the **Interior** and **Exterior** buttons and notice that the diagram in the upper right hand quarter of the screen changes accordingly. When this is completed, click **INTERIOR**.

3. Select the Correct Room Number and Name

Selecting the correct room involves setting both the Room Number and Room Name (failure to do so will assign all readings to one room). Set the Room Number to 3 by clicking twice on the up arrow next to it.

The **room name** is entered from a dialog box opened by clicking on the box just underneath the **Room No.** and can be set in any of three ways by choosing from a list, by adding a name to the list and then choosing it, or by entering a custom name to be used just once. For example, if reading 1 had been taken in the **bedroom** instead of in the **nursery**, you would click on **Bedroom** followed by **OK** to enter that name. If a **custom name** were required, such as **Hall Pantry**, you would select the **Custom** box, type the words “Hall Pantry” in the **Custom Field** next to it and click **OK**, and then clicking on **OK**. Since our example requires several readings in the **Nursery**, add this name to the list by clicking **Add**, entering “Nursery”, and **OK**.

4. Select the Correct Substrate, Color and Paint Condition

According to the **Field Sheet**, the first reading was done on a **Window Sill** made of **Wood** which had been painted **Green** and with the paint still **Intact**. Open the **Substrate** dialog by clicking on the **Substrate Field** located just below the word **SUBSTRATE**. This box works in exactly the same manner as that used to enter Room **Names**. Select **Wood** and click **OK**. Do the same for **COLOR**, selecting **Green**. (Note that sometimes the substrate is unknown, or the job does not require recording substrate and color. In those cases set the boxes to **N/A** for “not applicable”.)

In the top center portion of the **Worksheet** is located the **Paint Condition** button. Clicking on this button cycles the **Paint Condition** through **Intact**, **Fair**, or **Poor**. Set it to **I (Intact)**.

5. Select the Correct Wall and Location on the Wall

The **Field Sheet** indicates that this **Window** is located in the **Center** of **Wall C**. The boxes for selecting the **Wall** are located in a horizontal row in the lower center of the screen and the buttons for indicating the **Location on the Wall** are directly below. Click on the box marked **C** next to **WALL** in the pink area, then click on **CENTER**. Both boxes will turn red.

6. Select the Structure and Enter the Reading

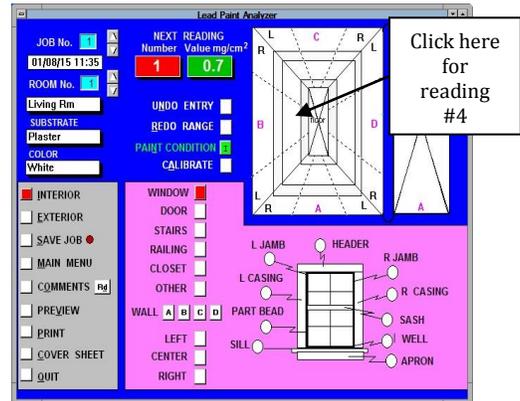
The structure is indicated using the buttons in the center of the screen. Each of the structure buttons (**Window**, **Door**, **Stairs**, **Railing**, and **Closet**) brings up a diagram of the object showing its Members. For this example, click on the **Window** button, and then on the circle

associated with the **Window Sill** in the diagram. Following this, click on **DOOR, STAIRS,** and **RAILING** to familiarize yourself with these other diagrams.

The **OTHER** box is permits the entry of **Other Structures**. Clicking on this button calls up the **Other Structure** dialog box which again works identically to the dialog box used for room name.

7. Enter the Remaining Readings

The next two readings can be entered in the same manner as was the first. Before entering the fourth reading, remember to change the **substrate** and **color**. The fourth reading is part of a three-reading set which Inspector Samples took in **Average Mode**. The entry for this reading is made in the same manner as the first three: however, readings 5 and 6 will be automatically entered with the same location. To enter each reading from a set of **Averaged Readings** to different locations, simply turn off the **Auto Average** feature in the Setup dialog box: you may then enter the readings as though they were not related. The software will, however, not permit averages to be made of readings from different rooms or unrelated structures.



Assume readings 7 and 8 are in a different room, namely room **6**, the **bedroom**. Use the **Up Arrow** to raise the **Room Number** to 6. Then click on the **Room Name** and select **Bedroom**. Enter readings 7 and 8 in any location in the same manner in which you entered the previous readings. Remember to change the **substrate, color, and paint condition** first!

8. Editing Readings

There are two ways in which to change a reading which has already been entered. The **UNDO** button undoes the most recent reading and can be used repeatedly to erase as many entries as desired. When it is desired to erase a reading which is not one of the last to be put in, it is better to use the **REDO** button since it allows the you to modify a range of readings anywhere in the job.

Click on the **UNDO** button twice to erase readings 7 and 8 and re-enter them using the data from the **Field Sheet**. Then use the **REDO** button to re-enter readings 4 to 6.

When re-doing an entry, it is essential to re-enter all of the location data. Care should be taken to avoid the common error of forgetting to re- enter the correct **Room Number**.

9. Entering the Extra Information

There are two types of extra information which should be entered prior to printing the reports – the **Cover Sheet** information and any **Room Comments**.

The **Cover Sheet** contains all of the background information for the specific job. Click on the **Cover Sheet** button located in the list on the lower left side of the **Worksheet** screen. Click on **OK** to save the job.

The **Cover Sheet** contains information that comes from several different sources. Some is downloaded from the LPA-1 (inspection date. and abatement level) and some comes from the **Inspector Cover Sheet** (inspector license and address). Review Section II.B.2., “The Cover Sheet Button” which contains a full explanation of all the cover sheets and their properties.

Click on the empty lines next to **Performed For**. This area works like a word processor.

Enter “Inspector Samples” followed by **Enter**. Enter Inspector Sample’s address (15 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10001). Then, using the **Mouse**, the **Tab** key, or the **Enter** key, move the cursor to the first line of the **Performed At** field and type the name of the “12 Cherry Tree Lane, Bronx, NY 10088”. Click on the **RETURN** button in the upper right section of the **Cover Sheet**, then press **Yes** to save.

Room Comments are used to enter any information which pertains to readings taking place in a given room. Click on **Comments** to open the **Comment Field** and type in “The paint on the wall had more than one color”. Then click on Close to enter the comment.

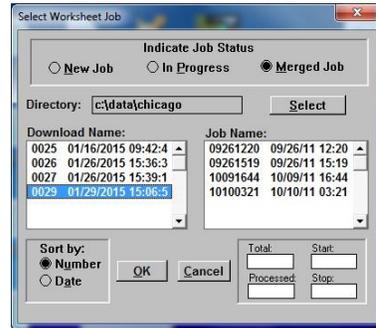
Stop! You have reached the end of Lesson #2. You can proceed on to Lesson #3 or read Sections II.C.1. (“Entering and Exiting the Worksheet”) through II.C.7. (“Entering a Reading”) of this manual for more information.

D. Lesson #3 – Previewing and Printing Reports

In this lesson, you will redo a range of data, enter calibrations, and preview and print an inspection report. Before beginning, make sure the printer is attached to the computer and turned on, and that the proper print drivers are installed (this should have been done when the printer was first installed).

1. Open the Correct Job

For Lessons #1 and #2 you worked with a job that contained 8 readings. To create more interesting reports, you will need a larger job. Use job number **06131323**, which is the second job of download 3. Open up this job, using what you have learned in Lesson #1. The number 604 in the **Next Reading** box indicates that 603 of the readings have already been processed.



2. Preview the Sequential Report

Click on the **PREVIEW** button to bring up the **Preview Reports** dialog box. The **Preview Reports** dialog box gives a choice of the five different report styles that the software can print. Each report is described in detail in Section II.C.10., “Printing a Report”. Click on **Sequential Report** to select this report for preview, and click **OK** to confirm your they were taken.

Take a moment to familiarize yourself with the Report Preview screen. The screen shows each report exactly as it will appear when printed. The top of the page gives general information. This report has no name or address printed on it: you will add this information in Step 4, below. On the left is the inspection date, job start and stop times, abatement level, and total number of readings. The lower part of the screen shows the actual data. Click the **RETURN** button in the upper right corner of the report, and then click **Cancel** in the **Preview Reports** dialog box to exit the **Report Preview** screen.

3. Redo the First Three Readings and View your Changes

We will alter readings 1-3 to make them calibration readings. Normally, you can use the **UNDO** button to redo the last reading. However, since these readings are at the beginning of the job, you do not want to use the **Undo** function to undo all the previous readings. To redo readings 1 through 3, open the **Redo Range** dialog box by clicking the **REDO RANGE** button below **UNDO** at the top of the screen. Type the number 1 in the From box, and the number 6 in the **TO** box. Click **OK** to accept the range. In redo mode the **REDO RANGE** button lights up red, and the **NEXT READING** box jumps back to the beginning of the specified range, in this case 1.

Click on **CALIBRATE** three times. This enters each shot as a calibration reading.

To confirm that the changes were made, click on **PREVIEW** to open the **Preview Reports** dialog box. The software has already selected the **Sequential Report** because it remembers the last report run. Click **OK** to preview it. Readings 1-3 have been changed to **Calibration**. Click on



No.	Name	Wall Structure	Location	Member	Paint	Cond	Substrate	Color	Lead (mg/cm ²)	Mode
1	CALIBRATION								0.7	TC
2	CALIBRATION								0.7	TC
3	CALIBRATION								0.7	TC
4	001 Foyer	A Wall	L Ctr		I Wood		White		0.4	GM
5	001 Foyer	B Wall	L Ctr		I Wood		White		0.5	GM
6	001 Foyer	C Wall	L Ctr		I Wood		White		0.3	GM
7	001 Foyer	D Wall	L Ctr		I Wood		White		0.8	GM
8	001 Foyer	A Window	Rgt Sill		I Wood		Blue		0.9	GM
9	001 Foyer	A Window	Rgt Apron		I Wood		Blue		0.8	GM
10	001 Foyer	A Window	Rgt Rgt casing		I Wood		Blue		0.2	GM
11	001 Foyer	A Window	Rgt Lft casing		I Wood		Blue		0.3	GM
12	001 Foyer	A Window	Rgt Header		I Wood		Blue		0.4	GM
13	001 Foyer	A Door	Lft L Ctr		I Wood		Blue		0.8	GM
14	001 Foyer	A Door	Lft Lft casing		I Wood		Blue		0.8	GM
15	001 Foyer	A Door	Lft Rgt casing		I Wood		Blue		0.8	GM
16	001 Foyer	A Door	Lft Header		I Wood		Blue		0.7	GM
17	002 Living Rm	A Wall	L Ctr		I Plaster		Beige		0.8	GM
18	002 Living Rm	B Wall	L Ctr		I Plaster		Beige		1.0	GM
19	002 Living Rm	C Wall	L Ctr		I Plaster		Beige		1.0	GM
20	002 Living Rm	D Wall	L Ctr		I Plaster		Beige		1.0	GM
21	002 Living Rm	D Stairs	Chr Wall		I Plaster		Beige		0.6	GM
22	002 Living Rm	D Stairs	Chr Keyboard		I Wood		Beige		0.6	GM

RETURN to look at a different report.

The **Summary Report** shows only those readings that are greater than or equal to the abatement level (actionable readings.) Click on **Summary Report** and accept by clicking **OK**.

On most reports, the far right column shows the mode of the instrument at the time of the reading. **QM** stands for **Quick Mode** and **Std** stands for **Standard Mode**. Click on the down arrow in the **Go to Room** box, highlight **Interior 005 Family Rm** and wait while the software jumps to that room. Click **RETURN** followed by **Cancel** to return to the **Worksheet**. Use **REDO RANGE** to re-enter the correct location information for readings 1-3.

4. Print the Summary Report

To print a report, click on the **PRINT** button, located immediately beneath the **PREVIEW** button. to bring up the **Print Report** dialog box. Click on **Summary** to print the **Summary Report**; a check mark appears next to the report indicating selection. Other reports may be selected and printed at the same time, however, each report consumes a little more memory (RAM) which may slow the printing. If the printing becomes too slow, try selecting and printing reports separately. For now, just select **Summary** and click **OK**. When the print job number comes up click **OK** on that also. After the printer stops, look at the report and make sure all of the information is correct.

Stop! You have reached the end of the Tutorial. You can read Sections II.C.8. (“Editing a Reading”) through II.10. (“Printing a Report”) of this manual for more information. To exit the **Report Generation Software**, press the **QUIT** button, located in the lower left-hand corner of the window.

E. Conclusion

You have completed the tutorial section of the **Report Generation Software** manual. PIC recommends that you now practice using your LPA-1 and its **Report Generation Software** as much as needed to feel comfortable before attempting a real inspection.

VIII. Glossary

Company Cover Sheet	The company cover sheet contains any company-wide information that will appear on the cover sheet of your reports.
Correlation File	A correlation file can be created using the Correlation (Export Data) Utility. It is very similar to a database file .
Data Directory	The data directory is the directory on your computer in which you will store your data. By default, the Report Generation Software uses C:\DATA as its data directory.
Database File	A database file can be created from the Worksheet, by pressing the PRINT button. A database file has the extension PRN, and contains the readings and their location and information, separated by commas.
DL File	A download file .
Download File	A download file is created when data is downloaded from the LPA-1 to the computer. Download files live in the Inspector Directory , and contain all the raw data collected during the job or jobs. If you lose your job files , you can recover their data from the download file.
Inspection Report	Inspection reports are printed after a job has been processed. The Report Generation Software allows you to print five different inspection reports: Cover Sheet, Sequential Report, Detailed Report, Summary Report, and Distribution Report.
Inspector Cover Sheet	The inspector cover sheet contains any inspector-specific information that will appear on the cover sheet of your reports. Any new inspector cover sheets created will pull information from the company cover sheet .
Inspector Directory	The Inspector Directory is located immediately beneath the data directory . For example, if an inspector's name is Chris, his Inspector Directory will be C:\DATA\CHRIS. Download files have the extension DL.
JBN File	A job file .
Job Cover Sheet	The job cover sheet contains all the job-specific information that will appear on the cover sheet of your reports. When a new job cover sheet is created, it pulls information from the inspector cover sheet .
Job File	A job file is created when data is downloaded from the LPA-1 to the computer. Job files live in a directory directly underneath the Inspector Directory that corresponds to the download number (for example, if this is inspector Chris's 7 th download, the job files will live in C:\DATA\CHRIS\0007). Job Files have the extension JBN. They contain all the readings for that particular job, as well as their location, substrate information, etc.

IX. Part III: Appendix

A. Appendix A – Inspection Strategies

The keys to productivity in the field lies largely in the principles of time and motion and in a thorough understanding of the tools at hand. If the same work can be performed with less motion, the work will be completed faster and with better quality. In the case of the Lead Paint Inspector, the tools are the XRF analyzer and report generation system.

Establish a Protocol That Works For You

The actual techniques employed will depend on the style and preference of the individual inspector as well as the kind of inspection job at hand, but by adopting a consistent pattern in the way which readings are taken and worksheets filled out for diverse types of residential and commercial jobs, the speed of inspections can be increased.

One procedure might be to inspect all the walls in a room in one pass then inspect the windows, doors and other structures in a second pass. This approach eliminates the need to turn the worksheet over more than once to switch between the drawing of the room and the drawings of the other structures.

Beginning a New Room in the Same Unit

To begin a new room in the same unit, the inspector may use a new worksheet or might double up rooms on one sheet by denoting in some way which readings belong to the second room. One convenient way to do this is to code the reading numbers as they are recorded by adding a letter to the reading number. In this case readings in room #1 could be recorded as A1, A2, A3, etc. and readings from room #2 might be saved as B23, B24, B25 and so on. The cost per sheet is only about 3 cents, but the efficiency of reduced paper handling may make a coding scheme a good idea for some jobs. When a new worksheet is started, be sure to enter the Unit-Number and the Job Number at the top. Worksheets can be inserted into the compartment of the clipboard for storage.

Make the Job Easier for the Person Creating the Inspection Report

If readings are taken in a consistent sequence on every job no time is wasted hunting around the worksheets when it's time to create the Inspection Report.

It is also helpful is to enter the number of the first and last readings at the top of each worksheet. These entries make it much easier for the person doing the data entry to know when they have completed all of the readings on a particular sheet.

B. Appendix B – Record Keeping

The Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) must maintain all documents and records relating to the instrument, including but not limited to:

1. *Company License, Device Registration and Administrative Records*
 - Company personnel licenses.
 - Device registration(s) for instruments in possession.
 - Training Certification (certificates) for all operators of the instrument(s).
 - Reciprocity licenses, letters of notification (if applicable) from other states where device is transported or used.
 - Official correspondence from the state (inspection reports).
 - State Regulations concerning radiation safety for the device.
2. *Shipping and Receiving Records*
 - Copy of shipping documents (inbound and outbound).
 - Copy of license of any persons the device is transferred to outside of company.
3. *Storage and Maintenance Records*
 - Leak or swipe test reports (every 6 months) (Form 1).
 - Physical inventory records (every week).
 - Dosimetry reports.
 - Instrument accountability records (Form A).

C. Appendix C – Emergencies, Accidents or Thefts

The LPA-1 Analyzer contains a radioactive material. This section contains specific procedures to be followed in the case of an accident or emergency. If an LPA-1 is damaged due to shipment or an accident such that its radiation safety integrity is suspect, contact a service representative and PIC immediately. If any hardware items are damaged, even if the system remains operational, contact a service representative.

Introduction

The safety of the operator, bystanders, and emergency service personnel should be of the highest priority in an event of accident. The source material used in the LPA-1 is encapsulated in tungsten, which is securely and permanently mounted within each device. It is highly unlikely that this radioactive material could become loose in the event of an accident, but emergency procedures must be strictly followed in case this unlikely event has occurred.

Accident

1. The first action must be to keep other people away from the site.
2. If the Analyzer is only superficially damaged and the device is in one piece with only a minor break or two in the housing, and the source is obviously in place,
 - Inspect the Analyzer head visually, from a distance, to determine any damage to the Analyzer head. Use a radiation survey meter if one is available.
 - If the source is intact, pick up the Analyzer, place it in its storage container, and return it to the permanent storage area.
 - Call PIC Technical Assistance to ship the Analyzer back to the factory for repair.
3. If the Analyzer is broken, severely damaged with parts strewn around, severely burned, or the source holder is clearly damaged,
 - Rope off the damage site for 10 feet around the Analyzer. Do not walk through the damage site, since radioactive material can be tracked elsewhere.
 - Call the PIC Radiation Safety Officer and the nearest public health department for help. Get an expert radiation technician to the site with a survey meter to determine if the radioactive material is lost or intact.
 - The radiation expert will determine whether the site is safe, will remove the contamination if there is any, and will prepare the device for shipment to the factory for repair.
 - Call PIC Technical Assistance to ship the Analyzer back to the factory for repair.

Loss or Theft

1. Notify the state public health department, the local police, and the PIC Radiation Safety Officer immediately in the case of theft.
2. Take the following precautions to avoid loss or theft:
 - Always keep the device in locked storage when not in use.
 - When in the field, lock the device in a vehicle (preferably the trunk) or in a field office.
 - When in the field, do not leave the device unattended.

- Do not allow unauthorized use of the device by someone who has not received proper training by PIC.
- Do not lend the device to someone

D. Appendix D – Getting an Operator’s License

The LPA-1 system contains an accelerator produced, radioactive material. In order to own, handle, possess and operate an equipment containing radioactive material of this type, a license or registration from the state regulatory agency must be obtained. Such a license is required before PIC can ship an LPA-1 Lead Paint Analysis system.

The LPA-1 instruments utilize a sealed radioactive isotopes (Co^{57}) to excite lead atoms in the paint. The isotope is installed and shielded from the operator in such a way that actual radiation exposure is well below the maximum permissible dose allowed when handled properly and in accordance with the safety precautions recommended by PIC.

To find out the requirements in your area contact your State regulatory agency. The name, address, and telephone number of the regulatory agency in each state is provided in Appendix K.

Contact the local State authority and advise them of your need to acquire “A license or registration to possess XRF equipment containing Cobalt-57 (Co^{57}) radioactive material”. Also obtain a copy of the State’s regulation concerning radiation safety and record keeping procedures.

Most states will require the applicant to submit:

1. A license application, including the name and address of the applicants business, type of business activities, resumes of owners, and experience and training with hazardous materials.
2. A drawing and relevant details of where the device is to be stored.
3. The device registration (from PIC).
4. A formal Radiation Safety Program.
5. Evidence of training and relevant education.

The LPA-1 system has been reviewed under the CRCPD device registration by the Colorado State Department of Health. A copy of the device registration is available upon request.

The copy of the state regulations will provide the proper procedures for use, reporting, and disposal of a device containing radioactive material. Please follow these regulations accordingly.

To obtain a registration, license, or amend an already existing license, specific training is required and must provided by PIC. A certificate of training is issued by PIC after completion of its training program.

We will be glad to assist you with completion of any application for obtaining a State license. Contact PIC for any questions you may have regarding radiation safety, licensing procedures or training. PIC provides one day Operator Training Seminars on a regular basis at various locations around the country. Contact us for the latest schedule.

Licensee’s Requirements

The possession, use, and transfer of accelerator produced radioactive materials is regulated by each State’s regulatory agency. The possession and use of these materials do not fall under the NRC jurisdiction as yet.

As a recipient of a radioactive material containing device the user has certain responsibilities and must follow certain procedures for radiation safety and record keeping.

Some of the user responsibilities are briefly listed below:

- The owner must always know where the Instrument is.

- The owner must follow the manufacturer's operating procedures.
- The owner and other users of the device must receive manufacturer's training for operation of the device.
- The owner must assure that the labels on the device are left in legible condition and are not removed.
- The owner must follow all instructions on labels provided with the device.
- The owner must obtain a copy of the appropriate State radiation regulations and study them.
- The owner must test for source leakage each 6 months and keep records of the results of such tests for a specified period.
- The owner must store the device in a safe place where it is unlikely to be stolen or removed accidentally.
- The owner must maintain records of the storage, removal, and shipment of the device.
- The owner must monitor the operator's compliance with safe use practices. Use dosimetry devices.
- The owner must have a radiation safety program and implement and document radiation safety procedures.
- The owner must report sale or transfer of this device to PIC and the owner's state regulatory agency. The transferee must have a license.
- The owner must leave the radioactive material in the device undisturbed and make no attempt to open the device for repair.
- The owner must report to PIC and the Regulatory Agency any damage to the radioactive source or source shielding, any leak test result indicating a leaking source, and any loss or theft of the device.
- The owner must not loan or rent the device to an unauthorized person untrained by PIC

State License, Application Information

Applications for license and registration of an XRF device containing an accelerator produced radioactive source requires the general information listed below. If there are any questions that are not addressed here please contact us for specific information.

Device Information:

Name: LPA-1 Lead Paint Analysis System.

Manufacturer: Protec Instrument Corporation, 38 Edge Hill Road, Waltham, MA 02451,+1 (617) 668-6908.

Usage: Portable XRF application for measurement of lead in paint.

Calibration required: None.

Source Information:

Radioactive material: Cobalt-57(Co^{57})

Maximum Activity: 12 millicurie (12 mCi).

Chemical or Physical Form: Sealed source, special form N.O.S.

Usage: The sealed source is contained in an XRF system for analytical measurement of lead in paint.

Leak Testing Frequency: Every six months.

Type of Leak Test: Wipe test provided by a commercial leak test company.

Disposal: Return to manufacturer for disposal.

Facility and Radiation Safety Program:

Operator Names and Training: List the name of the employees who will use the device. Provide each individual's training, experience, and training duration in appropriate spaces.

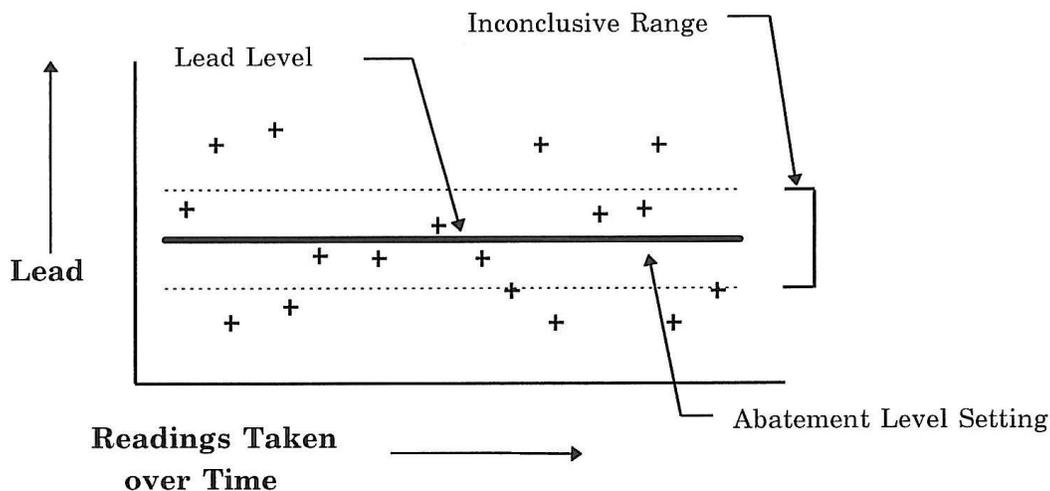
Facilities and Equipment: Provide a description of the owner's facility, where the device will be stored and the list of radiation measuring equipment at the facility.

Radiation Safety Officer: Assign a responsible person with sufficient training in radiation safety as the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO). Provide the name and training in appropriate space.

For any additional information and help with the application contact Protec Instrument Corporation.

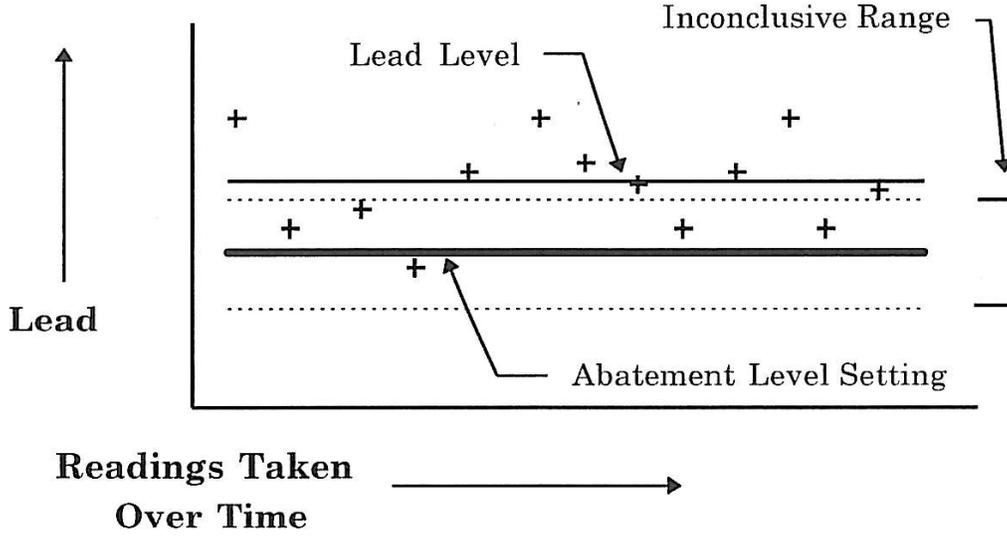
E. Appendix E – Average Readings in Quick Mode

If the user wishes to measure lead content with the highest possible accuracy rather than determining whether a surface is lead positive or negative with the highest possible speed, Standard Mode should be used. This is because the mechanics of Quick Mode involve sophisticated statistics that can affect the average of a series of readings. The following are two examples of readings taken in Quick Mode with the resulting implications for the reading averages.



+ = Typical result of reading after two seconds

In the case above, the Abatement Level is set at the same value as the lead on the surface being measured. If a series of readings are taken in Quick Mode under these conditions, the readings will normally (95% of the time) run out for the maximum amount of time and be displayed as the abatement level. A fraction of the readings, being outside of the inconclusive range, will conclude early and produce a positive or negative result. If enough readings are taken, it will be found that an equal number of readings will be above and below the inconclusive range, and the average of all readings will be equal to the lead level. The mean of the readings will therefore have no bias.



For the second case, assume that the Abatement Level is set below the actual lead level of the surface being measured. For a series of readings taken under this condition, some of the readings will be above the inconclusive range after two seconds and some will be within. No readings will be below. The readings that are above the inconclusive range will end and be displayed. The readings that are within the inconclusive range at two seconds will continue for a longer period of time during which the precision will improve. At some point these readings will also conclude, but there will be no readings concluding within or below the inconclusive range because

1. The lower part of the statistical spread within the inconclusive range will run out until either 60 seconds have passed, or the reading precision causes the reading to move above the inconclusive range at which point the reading will be displayed.
2. The spread of the readings at any point in time never includes values below the inconclusive range.

As a result, the mix of readings will be weighted toward the high values. In the case where the actual lead value is below the Abatement Level, the average of the readings will be skewed in the opposite direction, because the inconclusive range in this case would consume the upper half of the readings.

F. Appendix F – Transporting the LPA-1

Local Transportation

Each LPA-1 is supplied in a case with a lock. Keep the case locked when transporting the device.

When transported in a passenger vehicle, keep the shipping container with the LPA-1 in the trunk. When a station wagon or panel truck is used, secure the LPA-1 case so that it cannot slide around. When carried in a six-passenger pickup with a service body, transport the LPA-1 in the back with the storage lid locked. When a pickup is used, the box containing the device must be secured to the bed of the vehicle to prevent movement and in such a way to prevent removal by a passerby.

Transportation by Air

Although the LPA-1 contains a radioactive source, the Analyzer System together with its carrying case have been designed so that under present regulations, it can be easily shipped by air. However, shipment of any radioactive sources must be done very carefully to avoid any violation of state or federal regulations.

The shipment of devices containing radioactivity is regulated by the Department of Transportation (DOT) as is outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations 49.CFR. In addition to these regulations, a package intended for air transport must also meet the “Dangerous Goods Regulations” of LATA. We highly recommend the user obtain a copy of both regulations from the Government Printing Office in the owner’s area.

In general, the transportation requirements such as packing, labeling, and paper work for radioactive materials vary with the type, activity, and shielding of the particular radionuclide involved. These requirements are explained in 49.CFR and LATA packing instructions for class 7 radioactive materials regulations. For the LPA-1 Analyzer System, the detailed procedure is presented below.

The LPA-1 system incorporates a Co^{57} radioactive material. The LPA-1 is shipped from the factory in a special storage case bearing a radioactive material label. This case is then further enclosed in a strong cardboard shipping box which is of a particular size to comply with certain of the regulations. *For this reason, it is best to save the shipping box.*

As sent from the factory, the LPA-1 Analyzer System is packaged so that the radiation level at the surface of the shipping package is below 0.5 mRem/h. A shipping container with the above characteristics falls under “Excepted Radioactive Material, Limited Quantity, N.O.S., UN2910, Instruments and Articles” category. If the proper procedures are followed, this category of packages does not require characterization, labeling and shipment declaration of dangerous goods. To ship an LPA-1 to PIC, it is best to use a service such as Federal Express and follow the directions below:

1. Make sure the radioactive material labels on the device and its carrying case are intact and clearly visible upon opening the package.
2. Place the case in the shipping box that was sent to the user by PIC with sufficient packing material to secure the case inside.
3. Seal the box and all corners with shipping tape.

4. In the Air Waybill describe the consignment as “Excepted Radioactive Material - Instruments and Articles”.
5. Put the 24 hour emergency response number on the owner’s shipping document.
6. Place a notice with the package or with the packing list the sender’s name on top and the following statements;

This package conforms to the conditions and limitations specified in 49.CFR 173.421 for Excepted Radioactive Material, Limited Quantities, N.O.S., UN2910 and also IATA Section 6.2.1.4.

This is to certify that this package conforms to all packing requirements of the US Department of Transportation and the International Air Transport Association rules and regulations regarding the shipment of Radioactive Materials, Limited Quantities.

The radiation level on the surface of this package is less than 0.5 mRem/h. No other labels required.

G. Appendix G – Warranty, Maintenance and Troubleshooting

DISASSEMBLY OF ANY COMPONENTS, EXCEPT TO REPLACE THE BATTERIES, WILL VOID THE USER WARRANTY AND MAY LEAD TO UNNECESSARY RADIATION EXPOSURE.

Limited Warranty

The performance of the instrument is warranted for the life of the instrument to the original owner. Material defects and workmanship are warranted for two years to the original owner. For full details, see the warranty sheet packed with the LPA-1.

Used Instrument Warranty

In the event that an LPA-1 has been purchased used, PIC will, for a nominal fee, provide user training, upgrade the software and instrument to the latest revisions, and warranty the instrument to the new owner. Contact the factory for more information.

Instrument Maintenance

The LPA-1 is generally a maintenance free instrument. However, there are a few procedures that may optimize system performance. To remove any accumulation of lead that may become deposited on the reading area of the aluminum plate on the nose of the LPA-1, it is recommended to periodically wipe the area off with a paper towel lightly moistened with glass cleaner.

Rarely, the instrument may pick up a piece of debris that clogs one of the holes for the infrared surface sensor at the reading surface. The display will show NOT FLAT under this circumstance. This is usually the result of dragging the LPA-1 along a painted surface which is not recommended. If a problem does occur, clean out the optical sensor holes by removing the debris with a toothpick or other non-metallic pick or blow out the hole with compressed air under moderate (<60 PSI) pressure.

To maximize battery life, it is recommended that both batteries be used on an alternating basis and, if practical, a battery should be receive several hours of usage before charging. Unused Batteries in storage should be recharged every sixty days or so.

Source Replacement

The Co⁵⁷ radiation source used in the LPA-1 has a half life of 9 months. However because of the fast initial speed of the system and other design features, it is generally recommended that for high volume users, the source be replaced only after 12 to 15 months. Other users may find that performance is acceptable for an even longer period of time.

Field Service And Trouble Shooting

PIC technical staff are available to answer any questions relating to the operation of the LPA-1 system. Field service hours are 8:30 AM to 5:00PM EST. To reach us, call +1 (617) 668-6908. Before calling, a quick check of a few items can often save time.

For problems related to the instrument:

- Make sure the key lock is unlocked
- Make sure the batteries are fully charged
- Make sure the manual shutter lock lever is turned off (pointing straight back at the trigger)

For problems related to the software:

- Make sure the cable from the LPA-1 to the computer is attached properly and securely.
- Make sure the hardware is configured properly through the COM port.
- Make sure the printer is properly attached and the correct drivers are loaded

When calling PIC for help please have the following information available:

- The name of your company and the serial number of the unit. The serial number can be found on the underside of the unit.
- As much detail about the problem as possible. Information such as length of reading, reading mode, and error messages encountered are extremely helpful. For report generation problems know the revision level, and your PC and printer brand names.
- Have ready an understanding of the circumstances surrounding the problem; what were the surfaces being shot, exterior or interior, how often does the problem occur and can it readily be repeated.

H. Appendix H – Testing Background and History

Lead Paint Testing

Environmental Lead Contamination

Lead is a heavy, soft, malleable, bluish metal with many uses, but it is also a highly toxic and cumulative poison. Lead has been recognized as an industrial hazard for many years but only recently has its long-term effects as an environmental hazard been known.

The versatility of lead, as well as its favorable physical and chemical properties, have accounted for its extensive use for centuries. Its industrial uses include the production of electrical batteries, ammunition, various chemicals, additives for gasoline and additives for paint. It has also been used in building construction in roofing, cornices, electrical conduits, water pipes and sewer pipes. Lead compounds such as white lead and lead chromate have been widely used as pigments in paints. Lead is also commonly present in varnishes and primers. Although the use of lead-based paint has declined over the years, especially on interior surfaces, most housing units built before 1978 contain some lead-based paint.

Experts agree that there are three major sources of lead exposure today: (1) lead-based paint; (2) urban soil and dust; and (3) drinking water, primarily from dissolved leaded solder contained in service lines. These sources are considered major because of the large number of people who are exposed. Other sources can result in high exposure in individual cases.

An individual can become poisoned by lead through exposure to a single high level source or through the cumulative effect of repeated exposures to several low level sources. High level exposures can occur through deteriorating paint in a house. High level or acute lead exposure can be severe and can result in convulsions, coma, and even death.

Lead in Paint

The amount of lead-based paint in housing is significant: tens of millions of housing units contain at least some lead-based paint. Children living in homes with lead-based paint can become exposed to that lead by eating chips of lead-based paint or by chewing on protruding surface painted with lead-based paint. The most common route of exposure, however, is the ingestion of lead-bearing dust that is generated by the paint when it deteriorates, chalks, or is disturbed through renovation or even abrasion from the opening and closing of windows. Even in these indirect ways, lead-based paint can be a source of severe lead poisoning.

HUD estimates that 57 million housing units built prior to 1978 have lead based paint on the exterior of the building, the interior, or both. At least 20 million units represent excessive levels of lead dust or unsound paint. These units are immediately risk environments.

The amount of lead which is on a wall depends on several factors, including the concentration of lead in the paint and the number of layers of paint and their thickness. The concentration of lead on a painted surface is generally measured in milligrams per square centimeter (mg/cm²), which is the weight of lead over the total depth of paint on a 1 cm x 1 cm area of the surface.

Health Effects

The severity of the lead contamination problem is only now being fully realized. Children

are especially vulnerable to lead poisoning. Lead in the body can cause serious damage to the central and peripheral nervous system, the cardiovascular system, and the kidneys. Exposure to high concentrations of lead can cause retardation, convulsions, coma, and death. Even low concentrations of lead persisting during childhood are known to slow a child's normal development and cause learning and behavioral problems. The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry reports long-lasting impacts on intelligence, motor control, hearing, and emotional development of children who have levels of lead in the body not associated with obvious symptoms.

Lead serves no useful purpose in the body. It is a poison which binds with the chemicals that aid biological reactions throughout the body.

Exposure to lead is generally characterized by the concentration of lead in whole blood, usually expressed in micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood (pg/dl). It indicates the amount of lead circulating in the bloodstream, a measure of recent exposure to lead. In October, 1991, the Centers for Disease Control set 10 pg/dl as the blood lead level requiring medical intervention. They recommend community prevention activities if many children in the community have blood lead levels exceeding 10 pg/dl. Medical evaluation and environmental investigation and remediation should be implemented for all children with blood lead levels exceeding 20 pg/dl. All children with blood lead levels exceeding 15 pg/dl should have nutritional and educational intervention and more frequent screening. The fatal dose to children is 100-150 pg/dl. Note that the natural background level of lead in pre-industrial times was 0.1 pg/dl. Under no circumstances should 10 pg/dl be regarded as a harmless level of blood lead.

The first step in the treatment of suspected lead poisoning is to remove the patient from further exposure. A second step is chelation therapy, in which medicines (chelators) remove lead from the body. Chelators bind irreversibly to the lead in the bloodstream so it is excreted through the urinary system. Since it may cause serious side effects, chelation is used only in cases of high levels of blood lead under the care of a medical specialist.

Regulatory Background

Over the last two decades the Federal government has taken a number of key actions to reduce the risks of lead exposure. It has banned the use of lead in house paints and in the solder and pipes used in public drinking water systems. It has encouraged the phase-out of solder in food cans. The EPA has contributed to these efforts by taking action to virtually eliminate lead from gasoline and by developing new standards for drinking water.

These actions have been very effective in reducing major sources of lead exposure. Deaths from lead poisoning, which up to 20 years ago were not uncommon, have been almost eliminated. However, old lead-based paint and the associated contaminated dust and soil remain largely untouched as environmental sources of lead. Moreover, continuing scientific research has demonstrated that harmful effects may occur at lead levels previously considered safe. Experts agree that a large number of children are still at unacceptable levels of risk.

Although the risks of exposure to lead have been known for centuries, it was not until the 1950's that public health officials in some of the larger US cities began to trace the cause of many health problems to lead-based paint. In the 1950's and 1960's, several older, larger cities began to regulate the use of lead-based paint and to screen children for lead poisoning. In 1955 the paint industry adopted a voluntary standard limiting the use of lead in interior paints to no more than 1% by weight of nonvolatile solids. In 1971 the Federal Government enacted the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (LBPPPA) which, among other things, prohibited lead-based paint in residential structures constructed or rehabilitated with Federal assistance.

Lead-based paint was defined to be paint containing more than 1% lead by weight.

In 1973 the LBPPPA was amended to lower the lead content allowed in paint to 0.596, while in 1977, it was amended to lower the content to 0.0696. In 1978 the Consumer Product Safety Commission banned the sale of lead-based paint to consumers and the use of lead-based paint in residences and areas where consumers have direct access to painted surfaces.

In 1987 Congress amended the LBPPPA to require the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to (1) define intact lead-based paint surfaces as an “immediate hazard” requiring treatment, (2) conduct inspections of a random sample of dwellings in pre-1978 housing developments and to abate lead hazards exceeding 1.0 mg/cm², and (3) conduct an extensive research and development program. Further amendments required a comprehensive and workable plan for abatement in public housing. Recently, a number of Federal agencies, including the HUD, EPA, and HHS have formed a task force to ensure that the regulatory efforts conducted under different statutory authorities produce a unified and coherent approach to lead pollution problems.

State and local regulations also exist in many areas. Inspectors must determine whether or not state and local regulations conflict with the Federal regulations. If they do, the most stringent requirements, from each of the regulations, must be complied with. For example, the State of Maryland requires the abatement of lead-based paint if the concentration, as measured by a portable X-Ray Fluorescence Detector, exceeds 0.7 mg/cm². This is lower than the HUD standard of 1.0 mg/cm². In this case, the inspector would follow the Maryland standard since it is more stringent. If however, another state requires abatement only if the concentration exceeds 1.2 mg/cm², an inspector engaged in public housing inspections would follow the HUD Interim Guidelines, since they are more stringent.

I. Appendix I – References and Related Literature

References and Related Literature

NBS Handbook 93, Safety Standard For Non-Medical X-Ray And Sealed Gamma-Ray Sources.

Principles and Practices of X-ray Spectrometric Analysis, E.P. Bertin, Plenum Press, New York, NY 10011.

Code of Federal regulations, 10 CFR, 29 CFR, and 49 CFR.

Model Lead Inspector Training Course, EPA Contract No. 68- D0-0099, David Cox & Associates.

J. Appendix J – Partial List of Radiation Safety Devices and Services

The following is a list of companies that supply radiation related instrumentation and services.

Radiation Detection Instruments, Survey Meters:

A low energy gamma radiation detection instrument (survey meter) is ideal for this application. This device must have a good sensitivity up to 100 keV gamma-ray energy and range of 0-200 mRem/h. Following is the partial list of providers of such instruments:

Atlantic Nuclear Corp., 617-828-1319. Dosimeter Corp., 513-244-1241.

Eberline Instrument Corp., 505-471-3232.

Ludlum Measurements, Inc., 915-235-5494. Nuclear Associates, 516-741-6360.

Technical Associates, 818-883-7043. Victoreen Inc., 216-248-9300.

Film Badge Services:

Eberline Analytical Corp., (TL), 505-471-3232.

ICN Dosimetry Services, (FB, TL), 714-545-0100.

Landauer Inc.,(FB, HF, TL, WB), 708-755-7000.

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