



Operating Instructions

AirChek® 52

Cat. No. 224-52

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Description

The AirChek 52 Personal Sample Pump is designed for rugged industrial use at flows from 5 to 3000 ml/min. Ideal for on-worker applications, use the AirChek 52 for short-term or full-shift sampling with sorbent tubes, impingers, size-selective samplers, or filter cassettes.



AirChek 52 Sample Pump

Performance Profile

Flow Range: 1000 to 3000 ml/min
(5 to 500 ml/min requires low flow accessories, *see page 20.*)

Flow Control: Holds constant flow to $\pm 5\%$ of set-point after calibration

Compensation Range: 1000 ml/min up to 25 ins water back pressure
2000 ml/min up to 25 ins water back pressure
2500 ml/min up to 20 ins water back pressure
3000 ml/min up to 15 ins water back pressure

Typical Back Pressure of Sampling Media (*inches water*)

Flow Rate (L/min)	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5
Filter/Pore Size (μm)				
25-mm MCE/0.8	6	9	12	15
25-mm MCE/0.45	14	22	28	35
37-mm MCE/0.8	2	3	4	5
37-mm PVC/5.0	1	1	2	2

Compare the information in this table to pump compensation range to determine appropriate applications.

Run Time: **NiCad Battery:** 8 hrs minimum at above compensation ranges; dependent on media used. *See Table 1 on page 4.*
NiMH Battery: 12 hrs minimum at 2000 ml/min and up to 25 inches water back pressure; dependent on media used. *See Table 2 on page 4.*
Battery Eliminator: Pump provides extended runs.

Power Supply: **Rechargeable 4.8-V nickel metal hydride (NiMH) battery pack,** 3.3 Ah capacity or
Rechargeable 4.8-V nickel cadmium (NiCad) battery pack, 1.8-Ah capacity
A **battery eliminator** is available (see Optional Accessories); use voids the UL Listing for intrinsic safety.

Battery Charging Time: 6 to 8.5 hrs with PowerFlex® charger
(*varies with battery capacity and level of discharge*)

Temperature: Operating: 32 to 113 F (0 to 45 C)
Storage: -4 to 113 F (-20 to 45 C)
Charging: 50 to 113 F (10 to 45 C)

Humidity: 0 to 95% non-condensing

 **Protect sample pump from weather when in use outdoors.**

Flow Fault: If the pump is unable to compensate for longer than 15 seconds due to excessive back pressure, the pump enters flow fault. During flow fault, the pump stops, the fault icon appears on the display, and elapsed time remains on the display. Auto-restart is attempted up to 5 times. **Elapsed time information will be lost on restart.**

Low Battery Fault:	LCD displays low battery icon and pump shuts down. LCD remains on.
Time Display:	LCD shows elapsed pump run time in minutes up to 99,999. Note: <i>Older pump models display elapsed time up to three digits (999) and then roll back to zero.</i>
LCD Indicator:	LCD always remains on. Displayed elapsed run time information resets when pump is started.
Noise Level:	62.5 dBA* - pump without case 55 dBA* - pump housed in noise-reducing case (optional accessory Cat. No. 224-96C, <i>see page 22</i>) * <i>Measured 3 ft (1 m) distance from pump operating at 2 L/min with a 37-mm, 0.8-µm MCE filter cassette</i>
RFI/EMI Shielding:	27 to 1000 MHz
Intrinsic Safety:	UL Listed for Intrinsic Safety: Class I, Division 1 and 2, Groups A, B, C, D; Class II, Division 1 and 2, Groups E, F, G; and, Class III, Temperature Code T3C. <i>ATEX-approved models available. Contact SKC.</i>
Dimensions:	5 x 3 x 1.75 ins (12.7 x 7.6 x 4.4 cm)
Weight:	20 oz (567 gm)
Multiple-tube Sampling:	Requires additional accessories to sample with up to four sorbent tubes simultaneously at flows from 5 to 500 ml/min (<i>dependent on back pressure</i>). <i>See Optional Accessories on page 22.</i>
Tubing:	Requires 1/4-inch ID tubing



CE marked



UL Listed for intrinsic safety



ATEX-approved models available

Table 1. AirChek 52 Run Time in Hours with NiCad Battery

Following are typical run times achieved when using a fully charged nickel-cadmium (NiCad) battery pack. Data is sorted by type of sample media. All run times are listed in hours. Results are obtained using a new pump and new fully charged battery. Pump performance may vary.

Mixed Cellulose (MCE) filter, 0.8- μ m pore size

Flow Rate (L/min)	Filter Diameter	
	37 mm	25 mm
2.0	24.5	16.5
2.5	22.9	12.7
3.0	18.9	**

Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) filter, 5.0- μ m pore size

Flow Rate (L/min)	Filter Diameter	
	37 mm	25 mm
2.0	25.8	24.9
2.5	24.3	21.1
3.0	25.1	18.6

**** Filter back pressure exceeded pump capability during testing.**

Note: *Increases in back pressure during sampling due to buildup of sample on the filter can decrease battery life.*

Table 2. Pump Run Time in Hours with NiMH Battery

Following are typical run times achieved when using a fully charged nickel-metal hydride (NiMH) battery pack. Data is sorted by type of sample media. All run times are listed in hours. Results are obtained using a new pump and new fully charged battery. Pump performance may vary.

Mixed Cellulose (MCE) filter, 0.8- μ m pore size

Flow Rate (L/min)	Filter Diameter	
	37 mm	25 mm
2.0	40	37
2.5	38	29
3.0	34	25

Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) filter, 5.0- μ m pore size

Flow Rate (L/min)	Filter Diameter	
	37 mm	25 mm
2.0	56	47
2.5	48	41
3.0	42	38

Note: *Increases in back pressure during sampling due to buildup of sample on the filter can decrease battery life.*

Setup

Installing the Battery Pack

1. Align arms on top half of case with slots on either side of the battery pack housing. Ensure the back of the battery pack with the charging jack is on the same side as the belt clip.
2. Slide battery pack up until arms click into place.
3. Push each security screw into the battery pack housing and tighten.
4. Completely charge battery before use (*see Charging the Battery Pack*).

Charging the Battery Pack

For proper maintenance of battery packs, SKC offers a charger (*see Accessories on page 22*) that conditions the battery for optimum performance in 6 to 8.5 hours.

1. For optimum charge, ensure pump is **not** running.
2. Insert the charging plug into the sampler's charging jack.
3. Charge battery pack completely before use.



Plug the SKC PowerFlex® charger cable into the jack on the back of the battery pack (*see charger operating instructions*).



After charging the battery pack, it is good practice to run the pump for approximately five minutes before calibrating. This ensures the battery is in more steady-state conditions and improves the agreement in pre and post-sampling calibrations.



- **To comply with intrinsic safety regulations, do not charge or operate the pump from the charger in hazardous locations.**
- **Using a non-approved charger voids any warranty.**
- **Use of a repaired or rebuilt battery pack voids any warranty and the UL Listing for intrinsic safety.**
- **Use of any device other than the approved battery pack to power the pump voids the UL Listing for intrinsic safety and any warranty.**
- **Ensure proper orientation of charging cable before plugging it into the charging jack. Improper orientation/contact will short-circuit the battery and voids any warranty.**
- **Short-circuiting the battery pack will render it immediately inoperative.**
- **Failure to follow warnings and cautions voids any warranty.**



The battery pack may be kept on the SKC-approved charger for an indefinite time.

For information on SKC pump battery packs, visit <http://www.skccinc.com/instructions/1756.pdf>.

Operation

High Flow Applications (1000 to 3000 ml/min)

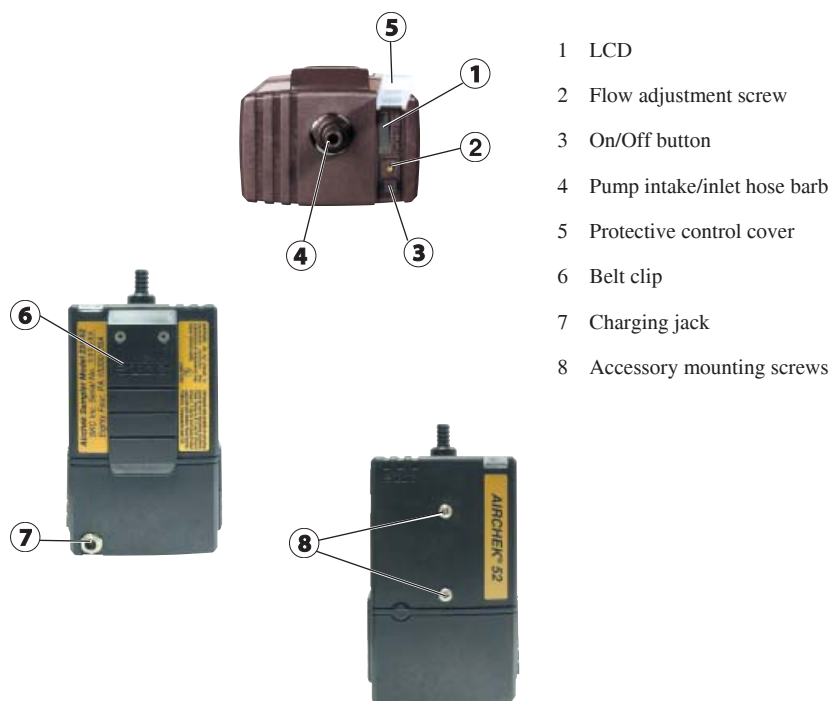


Figure 1

Front, back, and top views of AirChek 52 Sampler

For additional drawings, see pages 19 and 21.

Setup

Ensure that the battery is fully charged before sampling. See page 5 for details.

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After charging the battery pack, it is good practice to run the pump for approximately five minutes before calibrating. This ensures the battery is in more steady-state conditions and improves the agreement in pre and post-sampling calibrations.



Charger and battery connected

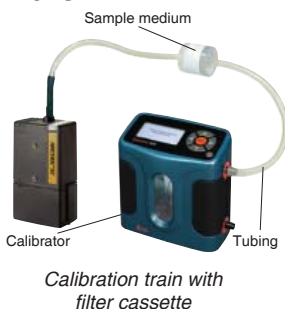
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Setting or Verifying Flow Rate

Ensure pump has run for five minutes before calibrating.

Using 1/4-inch Tygon® tubing, connect the sample medium to the pump intake (Figure 1, #4).

Lift the control cover (Figure 1, #5). Start the pump using the on/off button (Figure 1, #3).



Connect a calibrator to the intake of the sample medium.

Adjust flow by using a screwdriver to turn the flow adjustment screw (Figure 1, #2), clockwise to increase or counterclockwise to decrease flow, until the calibrator indicates the desired flow rate. Use proper calibration technique.

When the flow rate is set, press the on/off button to turn off the pump and disconnect the calibrator.

Replace the sample medium used for calibration with an unexposed medium for sample collection.

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Sampling



Before use, allow pump to equilibrate after moving it from one temperature extreme to another



Protect sample pump from weather when in use outdoors.



Use of any device other than the approved battery pack to power the pump voids the UL Listing for intrinsic safety and any warranty.

For personal sampling, clip the sample collection medium to the worker in the breathing zone and the pump to the worker's belt using the belt clip.



Clip sample medium to worker and pump to belt.

Press the on/off button to clear the elapsed time display and to start sampling. Record the start time. The LCD will automatically track elapsed pump run time.

At the end of the sampling period, press the on/off button and record stop time.

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Possible Displays During Sampling

Flow or Battery Fault Shutdown - If the pump is unable to compensate due to excessive back pressure or a low battery condition exists, the sampler will shut down and timing functions will pause. Either a battery-shaped icon or a flow fault icon (→I) will display on the LCD depending on the cause of the shutdown. Upon flow fault, the pump will attempt to restart up to 5 times. To restart from flow fault, correct the blockage and press the on/off button twice. **Elapsed time display will reset to 0 when pump is restarted.** If the battery icon is displayed, recharge the battery before sampling.

Displayed Elapsed Run Time - Elapsed run time is displayed continuously on the LCD. For elapsed times after 999 minutes, the display still shows elapsed time, but alternates displaying the first two digits of the elapsed time and the last three digits. For example, a pump that has run for 1,440 minutes would display first "01" and then "440." The display maximum is 99 999, which is 99,999 minutes.

Sampling with Impingers

Place an in-line trap between the pump and the impinger. The impinger and trap can be mounted to the sampler using the accessory mounting screws (Figure 1, #8) or placed in a holster at the worker's waist.



Impinger holder on pump with impinger and trap



Impinger sampling requires an in-line trap (SKC Cat. No. 225-22 or 225-22-01) to prevent fumes from accidentally being drawn into the sampler. Single or dual impinger/trap holders (SKC Cat. No. 225-20-01 or 225-20-02) may be mounted directly to the face of the sampler using the accessory mounting screws.



Failure to use an appropriate in-line trap during impinger sampling voids any warranty.



Protect sample pump from weather when in use outdoors.



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Low Flow Applications (5 to 500 ml/min)

Using a CPC and Single Adjustable Low Flow Holder

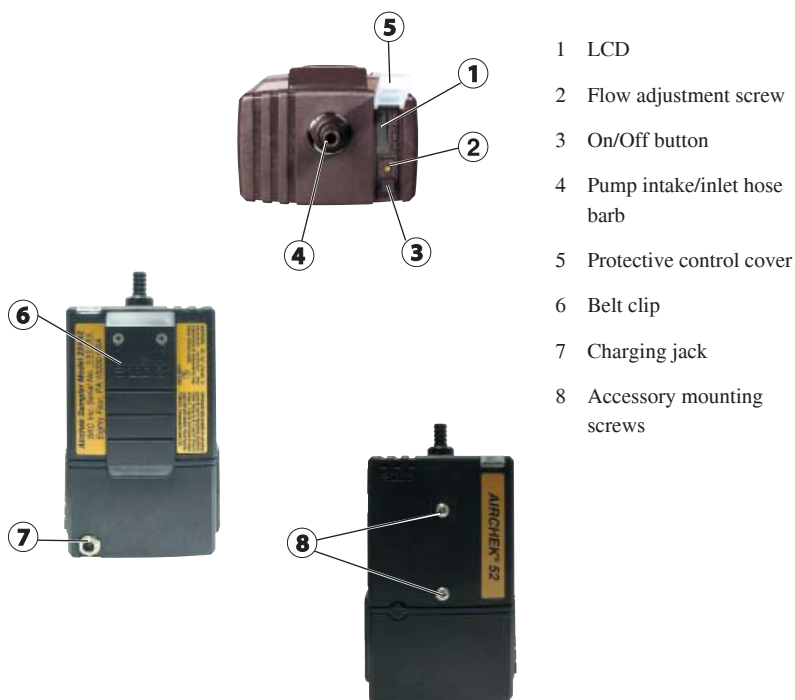


Figure 1

Front, back, and top views of AirChek 52 Sampler

For additional drawings, see pages 19 and 21.

Setup - Low Flow

Ensure that the battery is fully charged before sampling. *See page 5 for details.*

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After charging the battery pack, it is good practice to run the pump for approximately five minutes before calibrating. This ensures the battery is in more steady-state conditions and improves the agreement in pre and post-sampling calibrations.



Charger and battery connected

Setting or Verifying Flow Rate - Low Flow

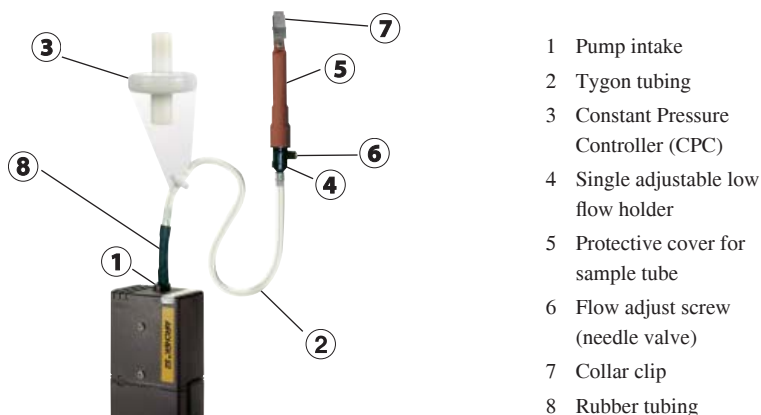


Figure 2

Single Adjustable Low Flow Holder attached to AirChek 52

Ensure pump has run for five minutes before calibrating. Set the pump flow rate at approximately 1.5 L/min (*see Setting or Verifying Flow Rate for High Flow Applications on page 7*).

Connect a constant pressure controller (CPC) (Figure 2, #3) to the pump intake (Figure 2, #1) using 1/4-inch Tygon tubing.

Using 1/4-inch tubing, connect the intake of the CPC to the outlet of a single adjustable low flow holder (Figure 2, #4).

Insert an opened sorbent tube into the holder's rubber sleeve with the arrow on the tube pointing toward the holder.

Connect a calibrator to the exposed end of the sorbent tube.



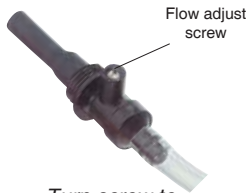
Calibration train with tube in low flow holder

Loosen the brass flow adjust screw on the low flow holder. Activate the pump by pressing the on/off button (Figure 1, #3).

Adjust the flow rate by turning the flow adjust screw (Figure 2, #6) on the adjustable low flow holder until the calibrator indicates the desired flow.



Do not adjust the flow on the pump. Adjust the flow only by using the flow adjust screw on the low flow holder.



Turn screw to adjust flow.

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When the desired flow is set, turn off the pump by pressing the on/off button. Disconnect the calibrator.

Replace the sorbent tube used for setting the flow with a new unexposed sorbent tube for sample collection.

Place the appropriate size tube cover over the tube (Figure 2, #5), and screw it into place on the low flow holder.

Sampling - Low Flow



Before use, allow pump to equilibrate after moving it from one temperature extreme to another



Protect sample pump from weather when in use outdoors.



Use of any device other than the approved battery pack to power the pump voids the UL Listing for intrinsic safety and any warranty.



Clip holder to worker and pump to belt.

For personal sampling, clip the low flow holder to the worker in the breathing zone and the pump to the worker's belt.

Press the on/off button to clear the elapsed time display and to start sampling. Record the start time. The LCD will automatically track elapsed pump run time.

At the end of the sampling period, press the on/off button and record stop time.

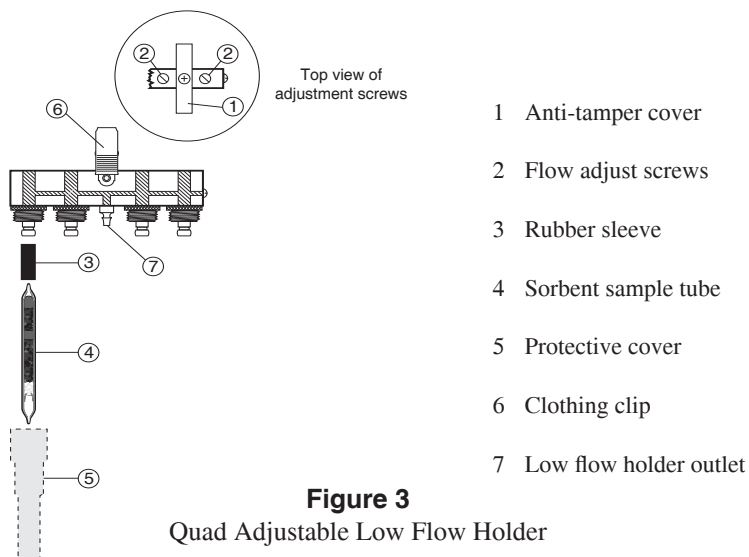
To return to high flow, remove the CPC and low flow holder.

For possible displays during sampling, see page 8.

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Low Flow Applications (5 to 500 ml/min)

Using CPC & Multiple-tube Adjustable Low Flow Holder Accessories



Setup - Multiple Tube

For a diagram of the pump, see Figure 1, page 9.

Ensure that the battery is fully charged before sampling. See page 5 for details.

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After charging the battery pack, it is good practice to run the pump for approximately five minutes before calibrating. This ensures the battery is in more steady-state conditions and improves the agreement in pre and post-sampling calibrations.



Charger and battery connected

Setting or Verifying Flow Rate - Multiple Tube



When performing multiple-tube sampling using an adjustable low flow holder (dual, tri, or quad), ensure the pump flow rate is set at 1.5 L/min. The maximum flow rate through any one tube is 500 ml/min*. Calculate the sum of all tube flow rates. If the sum is ≤ 1000 ml/min, proceed with calibration and sampling without any further adjustment to the pump flow rate. If the sum is >1000 ml/min, set the pump flow rate 15% higher than the sum of tube flow rates.

** Back pressure across some sample tubes can be higher than average. In these instances, the maximum flow rate of 500 ml/min per tube may not be achieved.*



Before use, allow pump to equilibrate after moving it from one temperature extreme to another.

Set pump flow rate to 1.5 L/min. Connect a constant pressure controller (CPC) (Figure 2, page 10) to the pump intake (Figure 2, #1) using 1/4-inch Tygon tubing.

Using 1/4-inch tubing, connect the intake of a CPC (Figure 2, #3) to the outlet of a multiple-tube adjustable low flow holder (Figure 3, #7).

Insert an opened sorbent tube into each rubber sleeve of the low flow holder (Figure 3, #3 and 4) with the arrow on the tube pointing toward the holder.



If sampling with fewer tubes than number of ports, insert unopened sorbent tubes in the empty ports to seal them.



Connect CPC to pump intake, holder to CPC, and tube inlet to calibrator.

Note the flow rates specified by each sampling method and add them together. If the sum is ≤ 1000 ml/min, proceed to the next step. If the sum is >1000 ml/min, multiply the total tube flow rate by 1.15 and set the pump for that flow rate.

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Connect a calibrator to the exposed end of a sorbent tube, loosen the screw on the appropriate port of the low flow holder, and activate the pump by pressing the on/off button.

Turn the brass flow adjust screw (Figure 3, #2) on the low flow holder until the desired flow rate is achieved. Turn clockwise to decrease flow.



Do not adjust the flow on the pump. Adjust the flow only by using the flow adjust screw on the low flow holder. Observe tube flow rate on calibrator.

When the desired flow is set on the initial tube, turn off the pump by pressing the on/off button. Remove the calibrator from the tube and connect to the exposed end of the next sorbent tube. Press the pump's on/off button and repeat the flow adjust process until all tubes are flow calibrated. Changing the flow on one tube will not affect the flow rate through the remaining tubes.

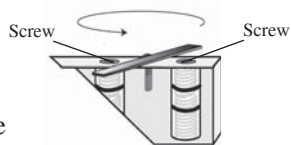


Figure 4 -
Cut-away of Tri/Quad Low Flow Holder

For tri and quad models, first rotate each anti-tamper cover (Figures 3 [on page 12] and 4) to expose the flow adjust screw, then adjust until calibrator indicates the desired flow.

When the flow rate is set for each tube, press the pump's on/off button and disconnect the calibrator.

Replace the sampling media used for calibration with unexposed media for sample collection. Use a protective tube cover to prevent tube breakage.

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Sampling - Multiple Tube



Before use, allow pump to equilibrate after moving it from one temperature extreme to another



Protect sample pump from weather when in use outdoors.



Use of any device other than the approved battery pack to power the pump voids the UL Listing for intrinsic safety and any warranty.



For personal sampling, clip the low flow holder to the worker in the breathing zone and the pump to the worker's belt.

Clip holder to worker and pump to belt.

Press the on/off button to clear the elapsed time display and to start sampling. Record the start time. The LCD will automatically track elapsed pump run time.

At the end of the sampling period, press the on/off button and record stop time.

To return to high flow, remove the CPC and low flow holder.

For possible displays during sampling, see page 8.

Maintenance

Pump Inlet Filter

The AirChek 52 Sampler is fitted with a filter/trap just below the pump intake. This prevents particles from being drawn into the pump mechanism. The filter should be replaced periodically. Follow this procedure:

1. Grip the inlet hose barb (Figure 1, #4 on page 9) and unscrew it counterclockwise.
2. Holding the pump upside down, use a small flathead screwdriver or tweezers to remove filter.
3. Place a new filter in the intake. Ensure the rubber gasket inside the inlet hose barb is still in place.
4. Screw the inlet hose barb back into place.



Replacing the Battery Pack



To enhance battery life, SKC ships battery packs separate from the pump (see *Charging the Battery Pack* on page 5). Once installed, completely charge the battery pack before operating the pump. It may be necessary to charge the battery a few times before maximum battery capacity is achieved.

1. Loosen two security screws on bottom of pump case and allow them to fall to the out position.
2. Pinch battery pack release arms and pull the bottom half of the pump case away from the top half.
3. Align arms on top half of case with slots on either side of the new battery pack housing. Ensure the back of the battery pack with the charging jack is on the same side as the belt clip.
4. Slide battery pack up until arms click into place.
5. Push each security screw into the battery pack housing and tighten.



Use of a repaired or rebuilt battery pack voids any warranty and the UL Listing for intrinsic safety.

For information on SKC pump battery packs, visit <http://www.skccinc.com/instructions/1756.pdf>.

Battery Eliminator

The Battery Eliminator is an accessory that converts alternating current (AC) to direct current (DC) from which the pump can be operated for extended runs. **The Battery Eliminator should be used in non-hazardous locations only.** *See page 22 for ordering.*

To use the Battery Eliminator, the battery pack must be removed from the pump (*see Maintenance, Replacing the Battery Pack*). The Battery Eliminator is comprised of two pieces, (1) a wall cube that converts AC voltage to DC voltage and (2) a power adapter that reduces DC voltage. The wall cube fits into a standard wall outlet and its plug end is inserted into the power adapter. The power adapter is fitted on the pump in place of the battery pack.



Use of the battery eliminator to power the pump voids the UL Listing for intrinsic safety.

Replacement Parts

Internal Stack Parts

No.	Description	Cat. No.
1A-C*	Stack Screws	P51891
2	Inlet/Hose Connect, includes filter and gasket	P20106
2A	Replacement Inlet Filter, pk/10	P40370
3	Pulsation Dampener	P2010802
4	Stack Plate	N/A
5A-B*	Valve Plates (Top and Bottom)	P213201
6	Diaphragm/Yoke Assembly	P2129B
7	Pump Body	P22417G
8	Motor/Eccentric	P518803
9	Pump Base Plate	P20102
	Full Stack without Motor	P20102A

**Multiple sections of stack included (as indicated in drawing)*

Parts not indicated in illustration

N/A	PC Board	P79592
N/A	Screw and O-ring Set (complete for one pump)	P22402



Use only SKC-approved parts to ensure reliable performance. Failure to do so voids any warranty.



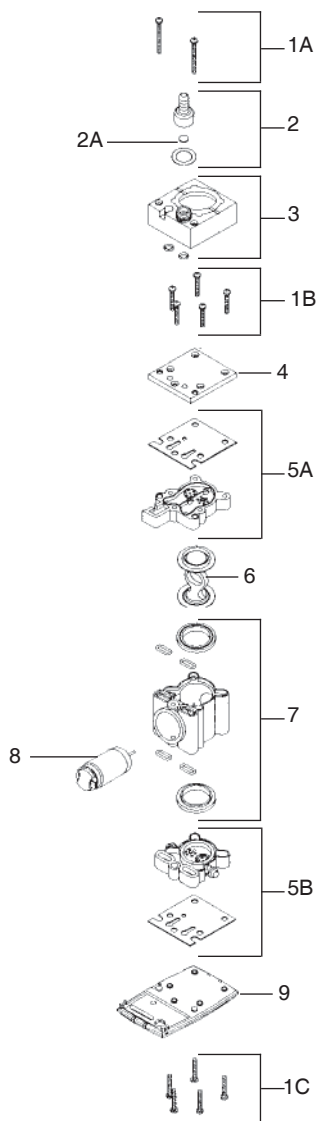
Failure to follow warnings and cautions voids any warranty.

See page 19 for drawing.

Replacement Parts

Internal Stack

See parts listing on page 18



Replacement Parts

External Case Parts

No.	Description	Cat. No.
1	Battery Pack, NiCad or Battery Pack, NiMH	P78011A P78011AMH
2	Battery Pack Release Arms	N/A
3	Battery Pack Security Screws	N/A
4	Compensation Pot A	N/A
5	Compensation Pot B	N/A
6	Power Plug for Battery Pack, pk/5	P20107
7	Charging Jack (on rear of battery pack)	N/A
8	Impinger Holder Mounting Screws	N/A
9	Inlet (includes filter and gasket)	P20106
10	Control Cover	P20105
11	Flow Adjustment Screw	N/A
12	Power Switch (on/off)	N/A
13	Belt Clip (not shown)	P20104
14	LCD	P72391
15	External Case	P2010003



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Use of a repaired or rebuilt battery pack voids any warranty and the UL Listing for intrinsic safety.



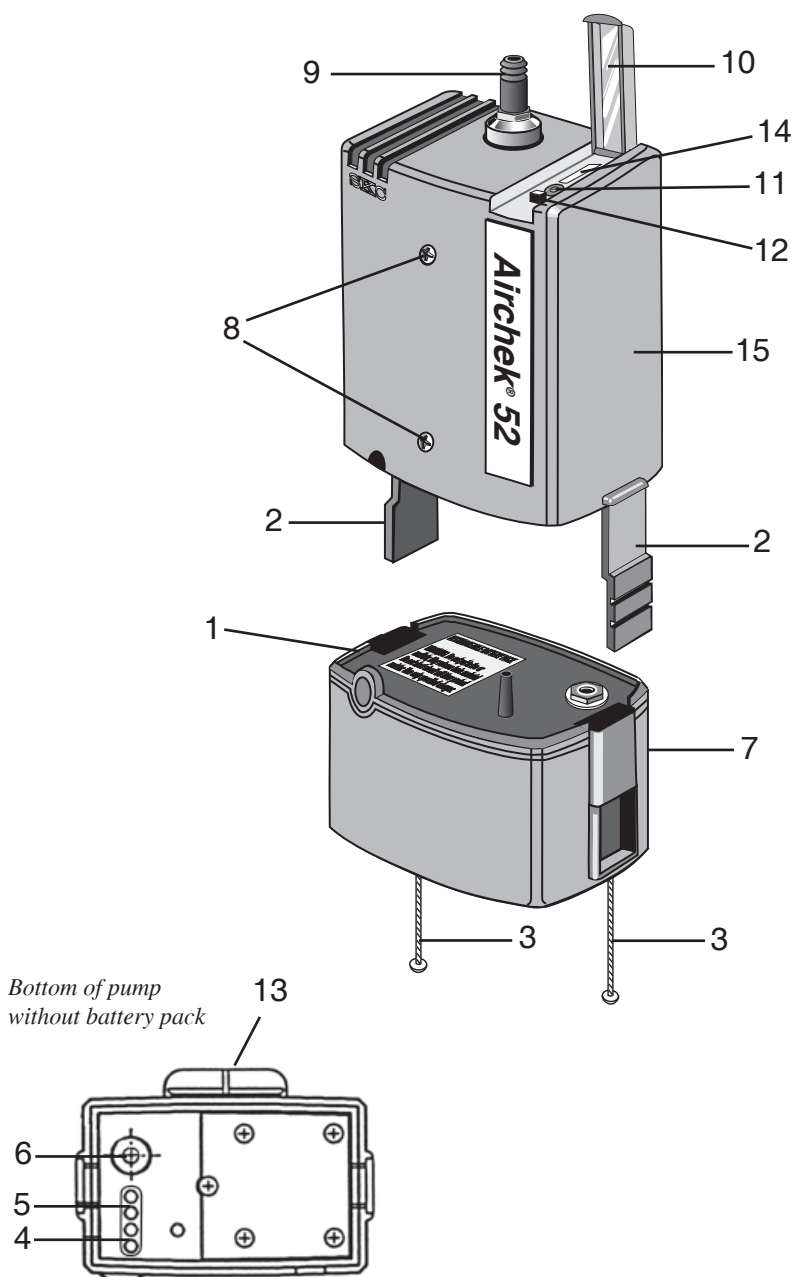
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See page 21 for drawing.

Replacement Parts

External Case Parts

See parts listing on page 20



Optional Accessories

Calibrator

Defender Primary Standard Calibrator,

50 to 5000 ml/min, includes lead-acid battery, charger (100-240 V), software, and serial cable

Cat. No.

717-510M

Low Flow Sampling Accessories

Single Holder, included in Low Flow Kit below

Dual Holder

Tri Holder

Quad Holder

224-26-01

224-26-02

224-26-03

224-26-04



Constant Pressure Controller (CPC),

included in Low Flow Kit below

224-26-CPC

Low Flow (5 to 500 ml/min) Adapter Kit,

includes CPC, single adjustable low flow holder, and Type A tube cover

210-500

Protective Sample Tube Covers

A, 70 mm, standard charcoal

B, 110 mm, large charcoal

C, 150 mm

D, 220 mm

224-29A

224-29B

224-29C

224-29D



Battery Maintenance

PowerFlex Charging System for SKC Personal Pumps

5-station, 100-240 V

223-1000

Single, 100-240 V

223-2000

PowerFlex Pump Cable, for AirChek 52

223-1004

Replacement Battery Pack, NiMH

P78011AMH

Replacement Battery Pack, NiCad

P78011A

Battery Eliminator,* connects pump to line power for extended sampling, 115 V

223-300

Pump Accessories

Screwdriver Set, included with pump

224-11

Protective Nylon Pouch, with belt and shoulder strap

Black

High-profile Red

Noise reducing Black

224-88

224-96A

224-96C



*Protective
Nylon Pouch*

* Not UL Listed for intrinsic safety



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Failure to follow warnings and cautions voids any warranty.

SKC Limited Warranty and Return Policy

SKC products are subject to the SKC Limited Warranty and Return Policy, which provides SKC's sole liability and the buyer's exclusive remedy. To view the complete SKC Limited Warranty and Return Policy, go to <http://www.skcinc.com/warranty.asp>.