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Technical Information

Rxn-10 Raman spectroscopic probe

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The Rxn-10 Raman spectroscopic probe is designed for sample measurements in a laboratory, process development, or manufacturing (when part of a single-use probe system) environment. The probe head is compatible with a wide range of interchangeable, commercially available optics (immersion and non-contact) to meet the requirements of different applications.

Recommended applications include:

- **Chemical:** reaction monitoring, blending, catalyst monitoring, hydrocarbon speciation, process unit optimization
- **Polymer:** polymerization reaction monitoring, extrusion monitoring, polymer blending
- **Pharmaceutical:** active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) reaction monitoring, crystallization
- **Biopharmaceutical:** cell culture and fermentation monitoring, optimization, control
- **Food and beverage:** zonal heterogeneity mapping of meats and fish

Use of the device for any purpose other than that described, poses a threat to the safety of people and of the entire measuring system and invalidates any warranty.

Laser safety interlock

The Rxn-10 probe, as installed, forms part of the interlock circuit. If the fiber cable is severed, the laser will turn off within milliseconds of the breakage.

NOTICE

Handle probes and cables with care.

Fiber cables should NOT be kinked and should be routed to maintain the minimum bend radius of 152.4 mm (6 in.).

▶ Permanent damage may result if cables are not routed appropriately.

Rxn-10 probe

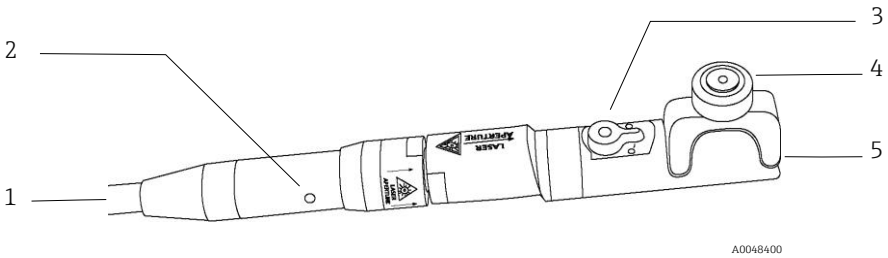


Figure 1: Rxn-10 probe

#	Name	Description
1	Fiber cable	Connects the probe to the Raman Rxn analyzer via one of the following: • Fiber channel (FC) cable assembly • Electro-optical (EO) fiber cable
2	Laser emission indicator	When there is potential for the laser to be energized, the indicator light is illuminated.
3	Laser beam shutter	Can be closed to prevent laser emission. Position “I” indicates emission potential. Moving the lever passed position “O” indicates emission is shuttered.
4	Thumb screw	Tighten to secure non-threaded optics onto the probe.
5	Optics interface	Insert optics or threaded adapter.

Table 1. Rxn-10 probe parts

Rxn-10 probe optics

The probe is compatible with the following optics to meet the requirements of different applications:

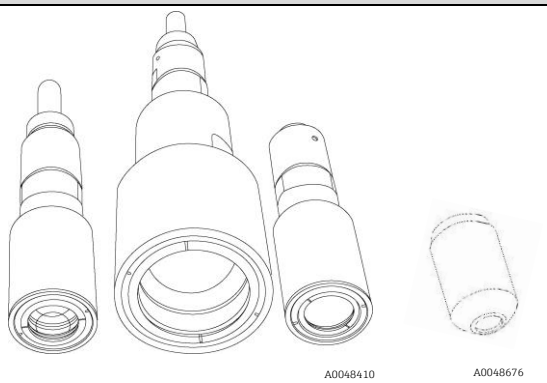
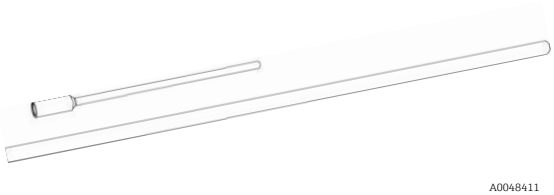
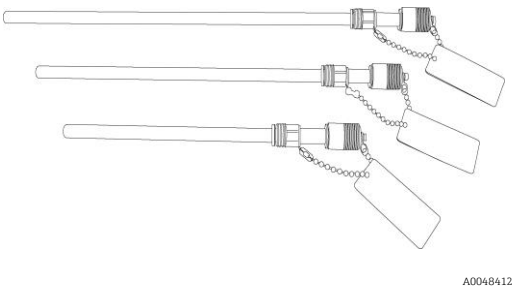
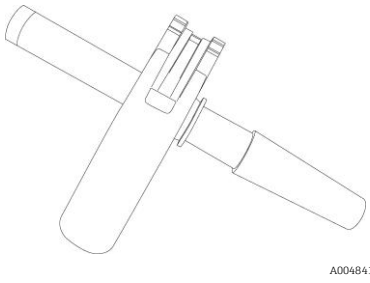
Optics		Applications
Non-contact optics		For use with solids or turbid media; also well-suited for delicate or corrosive liquids when sample contamination or damage to optical components is a concern.
Immersion optics (IO)		For use in reaction vessels, laboratory reactors, or process streams.
bIO-Optic		For use with continuous inline measurement in benchtop bioreactor/ fermenter applications requiring headplate entry.
Raman optic system for single use		For use with disposable fittings for single-use applications.

Table 2. Optics and applications

Installation

During installation, standard eye and skin safety precautions for Class 3B laser products (as per EN-60825/IEC 60825-14) should be observed as described below.

⚠ WARNING	**Standard precautions for laser products should be observed.** ▶ Probes should always be capped or pointed away from people toward a diffuse target if not installed in a sample chamber.
⚠ CAUTION	**The laser input into the Rxn-10 probe must not exceed 499 mW.** **If stray light is allowed to enter an unused probe, it will interfere with data collected from a used probe and may cause calibration failure or measurement errors.** ▶ Unused probes should ALWAYS be capped to prevent stray light from entering the probe.
NOTICE	**When installing the probe *in situ*, the user must provide the strain relief to the fiber optic cable at the probe installation location.**

Specifications

Probe specifications

Specifications for the Rxn-10 probe are listed below.

Item		Description
Laser wavelength	With non-contact optic or immersion optic	532 nm, 785 nm, or 993 nm
	With bIO-Optic or Raman optic system for single use	785 nm or 993 nm
Maximum laser power into probe head		< 499 mW
Working distance		Based on the sampling optic selected
Sample interface		Based on the sampling optic selected
Polarization at sample		Unpolarized
Probe temperature		−10 to 70 °C (14 to 158 °F)
Temperature ramp		≤ 30 °C/min (≤ 54 °F/min)
Probe relative humidity		20 to 60 %, non-condensing
Probe spectral coverage		Probe spectral coverage is limited by the coverage of the analyzer being used
Laser power at sample	532 nm (with standard 120-mW laser)	> 45 mW
	785 nm (with standard 400-mW laser)	> 150 mW
	993 nm (with standard 400-mW laser)	> 150 mW
Materials of construction	Probe body	6061 aluminum, 316L stainless steel, and 303 stainless steel
	Fiber optic cable	Design: PVC jacketed, proprietary construction Connections: proprietary electro-optic or FC to EO fiber converter(s) for non-embedded systems
Probe	Length (not including fiber cable bend radius)	203 mm (8 in.)
	Length (including fiber cable bend radius)	356 mm (14.02 in.)
	Diameter (not including cable)	19 mm (0.75 in.)
	Weight (including cable)	0.5 kg (approximately 1 lb.)
Fiber optic cable	Temperature*	−40 to 70 °C (−40 to 158 °F)
	Length	5 to 25 m (16.4 to 82.0 ft.) lengths standard in 5 m (16.4 ft.) increments EO male to EO female extensions are also available in lengths from 5 to 200 m (16.4 to 656.2 ft.) in 5 m (16.4 ft.) increments (limited by application)
	Minimum bend radius	152.4 mm (6 in.)
	Flame resistance	Certified: CSA-C/US AWM I/II, A/B, 80C, 30V, FT1, FT2, VW-1, FT4 Rated: AWM I/II A/B 80C 30V FT4

* While the fiber optic cable can withstand temperatures up to 80 °C (17 °F), the interface of the cable to the probe head is limited to 70 °C (158 °F).

Table 3. Rxn-10 probe specifications

Probe dimensions

The dimensions for the Rxn-10 probe are shown below.

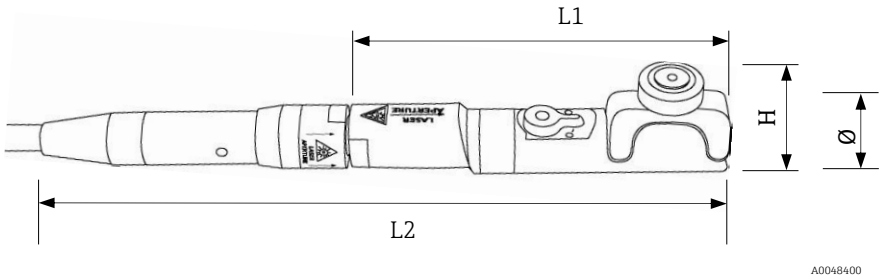


Figure 2. Rxn-10 probe dimensions

Dimension	Measurement	Description
L1	111 mm 4.37 in.	Length of probe body without cable or optics
L2	203 mm 8 in.	Length with fiber optic cable connected Note: This does not include additional 6 in. minimum bend radius of cable
H	33 mm 1.3 in.	Height of probe including thumb screw
Ø	19 mm 0.75 in.	Diameter of probe, not including cable

Table 4. Rxn-10 probe dimensions

MPE: ocular exposure

Refer to the tables below from the ANSI Z136.1 standard to calculate the maximum permissible exposure (MPE) for point source ocular exposure to a laser beam.

A correction factor (C_A) may also be required and can be determined below.

Wavelength λ (nm)	Correction factor C_A
400 to 700	1
700 to 1050	$10^{0.002(\lambda-700)}$
1050 to 1400	5

Table 5. Wavelength dependent correction factor CA

Maximum permissible exposure (MPE) for point source ocular exposure to a laser beam			
Wavelength λ (nm)	Exposure duration t (s)	MPE calculation	
		$(J \cdot cm^{-2})$	$(W \cdot cm^{-2})$
532	10^{-13} to 10^{-11}	1.0×10^{-7}	-
	10^{-11} to 5×10^{-6}	2.0×10^{-7}	-
	5×10^{-6} to 10	$1.8\ t^{0.75} \times 10^{-3}$	-
	10 to 30,000	-	1×10^{-3}

Table 6. MPE for ocular exposure with 532 nm laser emission

Maximum permissible exposure (MPE) for point source ocular exposure to a laser beam				
Wavelength λ (nm)	Exposure duration t (s)	MPE calculation		MPE where $C_A = 1.4791$
		$(J \cdot cm^{-2})$	$(W \cdot cm^{-2})$	
785 and 993	10^{-13} to 10^{-11}	$1.5\ C_A \times 10^{-8}$	-	2.2×10^{-8} $(J \cdot cm^{-2})$
	10^{-11} to 10^{-9}	$2.7\ C_A\ t^{0.75}$	-	Insert time (t) and calculate
	10^{-9} to 18×10^{-6}	$5.0\ C_A \times 10^{-7}$	-	7.40×10^{-7} $(J \cdot cm^{-2})$
	18×10^{-6} to 10	$1.8\ C_A\ t^{0.75} \times 10^{-3}$	-	Insert time (t) and calculate
	10 to 3×10^4	-	$C_A \times 10^{-3}$	1.4971×10^{-3} $(W \cdot cm^{-2})$

Table 7. MPE for ocular exposure with 785 nm or 993 nm laser emission

MPE: skin exposure

Refer to the table below from the ANSI Z136.1 standard to calculate the MPE for skin exposure to a laser beam.

Maximum permissible exposure (MPE) for skin exposure to a laser beam				
Wavelength λ (nm)	Exposure duration t (s)	MPE calculation		MPE where $C_A = 1.4791$
		$(J \cdot cm^{-2})$	$(W \cdot cm^{-2})$	
532, 785 and 993	10^{-9} to 10^{-7}	$2\ C_A \times 10^{-2}$	-	2.9582×10^{-2} $(J \cdot cm^{-2})$
	10^{-7} to 10	$1.1\ C_A\ t^{0.25}$	-	Insert time (t) and calculate
	10 to 3×10^4	-	$0.2\ C_A$	2.9582×10^{-1} $(W \cdot cm^{-2})$

Table 8. MPE for skin exposure with 532 nm, 785 nm or 993 nm laser emission

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