

# THEATRICAL SMOKE, FOG, AND HAZE TESTING

## CALIBRATION FACTORS

ENVIRON has developed a protocol for using a MIE PDR-1000AN aerosol monitor to measure concentrations of theatrical smoke, fog, and haze. The monitor measures the light scattering produced by particles in the air, and reports the results in terms of mass concentration (milligrams per cubic meter, or mg/m<sup>3</sup>) with the assumption that the particles in the air are a fine dust. Because different types of particles have different light scattering properties, the readings from the monitor need to be adjusted (or calibrated) when measuring something other than dust (such as fog droplets). The user converts the dust readings to the correct mg/m<sup>3</sup> readings for the fog droplets by multiplying the dust readings by a *calibration factor* for the particular fog fluid/fog machine combination being used for the fog, smoke, or haze effect.

The following calibration factors have been developed and approved by Equity and the League for use in measuring theatrical smoke, fog, and haze:

<b>Approved Calibration Factors for Monitoring Theatrical Smoke, Fog, and Haze (updated September 2009)</b>					
<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Machine</b>	<b>Fluid</b>	<b>Fluid Type</b>	<b>Calibration Factor</b>	<b>Ref</b>
CITC	Fantasy FX spray can	Fantasy FX Professional Haze	mineral oil	0.87	(20)
	Fog Max	Natural Fogging Fluid	glycol	0.66	(4)
	Haze Max	Water Vapor Haze Fluid	glycerol	0.11	(4)
	Starhazer	High Performance Fluid	mineral oil	0.87	(4)
High End Systems	F-100	Atmosphere HQ Fluid	glycol	1.21	(10)
		Atmosphere Stage Formula	glycol	0.25	(1)
		Atmosphere Cold Flow Formula	glycol	2.41	(1)
Look Solutions / Theatre Effects	Cryo-Fog	Cryo-Fog Fluid	glycol	0.91	(16,21)
	Orka	Regular-Fog Fluid	glycol	0.23	(8)
	Power Tiny	Power Tiny Fluid	glycol	0.49	(15)
	Tiny Compact/Tiny C07	Tiny Fogger Fluid	glycol	0.76	(4,21)
	Tiny Fogger/Tiny F07	Tiny Fogger Fluid	glycol	0.76	(4,21)
	Unique/Unique2 Hazer	Unique Fluid	glycol	0.30	(4,12)
	Viper II (NT)	Regular-Fog Fluid	glycol	1.46	(4,12)
Quick-Fog Fluid		glycol	2.02	(17)	
Martin Professional	Jem Glaciator	Jem B2 Heavy Fog Fluid	glycol	3.41	(4)
	Jem Glaciator X-Stream	Jem C3 Heavy Fog Fluid	glycol	3.23	(23)
	Jem ZR12-DMX	Jem Pro-Smoke Super Fluid	glycol	1.12	(4)
	Jem ZR24/7 Hazer	Jem Pro-Haze Fluid	glycol	0.76	(5)
	Jem ZR33 Hi-Mass	Jem Pro-Smoke Super Fluid	glycol	0.79	(23)
		Jem ProSteam Simulation Fluid	glycol	2.31	(23)
	Magnum 2500Hz	Jem Pro-Haze Fluid	glycol	0.28	(23)

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MDG Fog Generators	Mini-Max	MDG Dense Fluid	glycol	3.21	(1)	
	Atmosphere APS	MDG Neutral Fluid	mineral oil	0.78	(1)	
	MAX 3000 APS	MDG Neutral Fluid	mineral oil	0.78	(1)	
	MDG MAX 3000 APS through accumulator box	MDG Neutral Fluid	mineral oil	0.27	(6)	
Reel EFX, Inc.	DF-50	Diffusion Fluid	mineral oil	0.78	(1)	
Rosco Laboratories	1500 / 1600	Rosco Clear Fog Fluid	glycol	1.82	(1)	
		Rosco Fog Fluid	glycol	1.27	(1)	
		Rosco Light Fog Fluid	glycol	1.38	(1)	
		Rosco Stage & Studio Fluid	glycol	1.56	(1)	
	1750	Rosco Fog Fluid	glycol	0.58	(19)	
		Rosco Stage & Studio Fluid	glycol	0.67	(19)	
	Alpha 900	Rosco Clear Fog Fluid	glycol	1.82	(1)	
		Rosco Fog Fluid	glycol	1.27	(1)	
Rosco Laboratories (cont.)	Alpha 900 (cont.)	Rosco Light Fog Fluid	glycol	1.38	(1)	
		Rosco Stage & Studio Fluid	glycol	1.56	(1)	
	Delta 3000	Rosco Clear Fog Fluid	glycol	1.43	(4)	
		Rosco Fog Fluid	glycol	1.00	(4)	
		Rosco Light Fog Fluid	glycol	1.35	(4)	
		Rosco Stage & Studio Fluid	glycol	1.97	(4)	
	Delta Hazer	Rosco Delta Hazer Fluid	glycol	0.71	(18)	
	PF-1000	Rosco Clear Fog Fluid	glycol	1.82	(1)	
		Rosco Fog Fluid	glycol	1.27	(1)	
		Rosco Light Fog Fluid	glycol	1.38	(1)	
		Rosco Stage & Studio Fluid	glycol	1.56	(1)	
	SFX	Fog Master FM-1	AquaFog Fluid	glycol	0.19	(3)
Smoke Factory	Tour Hazer	Tour Hazer Fog Fluid	glycol	0.30	(4)	
Ultratec Special Effects (formerly Le Maitre Special Effects)	G100	Directors Choice	glycol	4.17	(1,9,25)	
		Extra Quick Dissipating	glycol	3.17	(1,25)	
		Quick Dissipating	glycol	3.45	(1,25)	
		Regular Fog Fluid	glycol	4.17	(1,25)	
	G150	Directors Choice	glycol	4.17	(1,9,25)	
		Extra Quick Dissipating	glycol	3.17	(1,25)	
		Molecular Fog Fluid	glycol	2.58	(1,25)	
		Pro Beam (Long Lasting)	glycol	1.42	(4,25)	
		Quick Dissipating	glycol	3.45	(1,25)	
		Regular Fog Fluid	glycol	4.17	(1,25)	
	G300/G3000	Directors Choice	glycol	0.30	(4,9,24,25)	
		Molecular Fog Fluid	glycol	0.53	(4,24,25)	
		Pro Beam (Long Lasting)	glycol	0.67	(4,24,25)	
		Quick Dissipating	glycol	2.65	(4,24,25)	
		Regular Fog Fluid	glycol	0.30	(4,24,25)	
	G300/LSG or equivalent chiller	Regular Haze Fluid	glycerol	0.09	(10,24,25)	
		Molecular Fog Fluid	glycol	4.95*	(7,25)	
		Mini Mist	Regular Fog Fluid	glycol	2.24	(10,25)

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Ultratec Special Effects (cont.)	Neutron XS	Luminous 7 Haze Fluid	glycerol	0.12	(2,25)	
	Opti Mist Ranger	Mini Mist Canister	glycol	3.01	(1,25)	
	Power Fog Industrial (PFI) or PFI 9D	Directors Choice		glycol	0.99	(4,9,11,25)
		Molecular Fog Fluid		glycol	2.77	(4,11,25)
		Pro Beam (Long Lasting)		glycol	1.36	(4,11,25)
		Quick Dissipating		glycol	1.37	(4,11,25)
		Regular Fog Fluid		glycol	0.99	(4,11,25)
		Extra Quick Dissipating		glycol	1.23	(22,25)
	Power Fog Industrial 9D (PFI 9D) with LSG-MKII or equivalent chiller	Molecular Fog Fluid		glycol	0.75	(13,25)
		Quick Dissipating		glycol	0.21	(22,25)
		Luminous 7 Haze Fluid		glycerol	0.26	(14,25)
	Radiance Hazer	Directors Choice		glycol	0.44	(4,9,25)
		Pro Beam (Long Lasting)		glycol	0.44	(4,25)
		Quick Dissipating		glycol	2.56	(4,25)
		Regular Fog Fluid		glycol	0.44	(4,25)
	Show Fogger Pro	Directors Choice		glycol	0.99	(4,9,25)
		Molecular Fog Fluid		glycol	2.77	(4,25)
		Pro Beam (Long Lasting)		glycol	1.36	(4,25)
		Quick Dissipating		glycol	1.37	(4,25)
		Regular Fog Fluid		glycol	0.99	(4,25)
Stage Fogger DMX	Directors Choice		glycol	0.99	(4,9,25)	
	Molecular Fog Fluid		glycol	2.77	(4,25)	
	Pro Beam (Long Lasting)		glycol	1.36	(4,25)	
	Quick Dissipating		glycol	1.37	(4,25)	
		Regular Fog Fluid		glycol	0.99	(4,25)

**Notes:**

\* Due to monitor overloading during the calibration testing for the Ultratec (Le Maitre) G300/LSG-Molecular Fog Fluid combination, the resulting calibration factor of 4.95 is known to be overestimated. This value can be used as a conservative (i.e., health protective) screening value. If monitoring results using this calibration factor result in exposures exceeding the guidance levels, it is recommended that additional testing to refine this calibration factor be conducted.

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