

Quality control for masks: PMFT System

The filter test rigs **PMFT System** enable a reliable control of masks and filter material. This allows you to effectively ensure the quality of your products.

Palas® test instruments test better than required by EN 149, EN 13274-7 and GB 2626 standards for face masks, and 42 CFR 84, ISO 16900-3 and EN 143 for full face mask filters.

The PMFT Systems does not only test overall penetration and breathing resistance/ pressure drop, but also fractional efficiency in the size range between 100 nm and 5 μm.

The PMFT System includes three models for different needs:

- PMFT 1000 for development and production monitoring of half masks
- PMFT 1000 M for reliable continuous operation in routine monitoring of half masks
- PMFT 1000 F as an all-rounder in the testing of almost all mask and filter types

Application examples













Principle of operation

Palas® proven technology allows the counting of particles of very small sizes. The device can **detect and measure in the size range of viruses and bacteria**. Both total penetration and fractional efficiency are tested e. g., the efficiency in the whole size range respectively the particle size-dependent penetration.

The **PMFT System** is future-proof: It works with salt, oil and latex aerosols when measuring penetration. It is also capable of measuring differential pressure at various breathing resistances.

Thanks to the individual filter adapter, **PMFT System** can be used for all kinds of protective masks and is also easy to handle.



PMFT SYSTEM

The photometric total penetration for the size range is determined according to standard. A best comparability with the standards EN 149, EN 13274-7, 42 CFR 84, ASTM F2299-3, ASTM F3502-21 and GB 2626 exists.

In addition, the breathing resistance is determined by differential pressure measurement.

PMFT 1000 FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION MONITORING OF HALF MASKS

- Exact analysis of filter mask efficiency from 100 nm up to 3 μ m (size range photometer: from 100 nm up to 40 μ m)
- 8 size channels for efficiency from 100 nm up to 180 nm

PMFT 1000 M FOR RELIABLE CONTINUOUS OPERATION IN ROUTINE MONITORING OF HALF MASKS

- Exact analysis of filter mask efficiency from 145 nm up to 5 μm (size range photometer: from 145 nm up to 40 μm)
- Long-lasting and robust LED light source

PMFT 1000 F as an all-rounder in the testing of almost all mask and filter types

Additional to PMFT 1000 M

- Testing of respiratory filters with an efficiency of up to 99.9995% and a penetration of 0.0005% respectively
- Comparability with standards EN 143 and ISO 16900-3

Special advantages and benefits

FLEXIBILITY

- Verification of production easily in-house based on defined standards
- Continuous optimization of the R&D process and production
- For comparability with other standards to measure fractional efficiency by size and to export as text file, e. g., for ISO 29463-3, ISO 11155-1, ISO 16890-2, please contact us for more information

SPEED OF TESTING

- Reliable quality assurance due to easy operation
- Uncomplicated changeover due to supplied mask and filter adapters
- No waiting for test results from external institutes

SAFETY

- Logged results based on relevant standards
- Factory tested and calibrated test stands

Technical features

Measuring range (total penetration)	0.0005 - 0.1 %
Measuring range (size) particle size dependent penetration	0.1 – 3 μm (PMFT 1000), 0.1 – 40 μm (aerosol photometer) 0.145 – 5 μm (PMFT 1000 M, F), 0.145 – 40 μm (aerosol photometer)
Volume flow	1 – 27 m ³ /h (pressurized operation)
Inflow velocity	1.5 – 70 cm/s (others on request)
Differential pressure measurement	0 – 1,200 Pa
Test area of the medium	100 cm ²
Aerosols	Salts (e. g., NaCl, KCl), liquid aerosols (e. g., DEHS), latex particles (PSL)
Compressed air supply	6 – 8 bar
Dilution factor	1:27 (PMFT 1000, 1000 M) 1:27 / 1:700 (PMFT 1000 F)
Discharge	Integrated (PMFT 1000 F) Optional (PMFT 1000, 1000 M)
Dimensions (H • W • D)	1,800 • 600 • 900 mm



Palas® is a leading developer and manufacturer of highprecision instruments for the generation, measurement and characterization of particles in air.

With more than 30 active patents, Palas® develops technologically leading and certified fine dust and nanoparticle analyzers, aerosol spectrometers, generators and sensors as well as related systems and software solutions. Palas® was founded in 1983 and employs more than 100 people.

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