

GR-100 Personal Radiation Monitor User's Manual

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1.0 Overview

1.1 Introduction

The GR-100 is one of the most advanced, yet simple to use, personal radiation monitors deployed in customs, security, military and emergency response applications. It has been designed to provide accurate and reliable measurement of gamma and neutron radiation, trigger visual and audio alarms to warn the operator, and accurately measure exposure Dose Rate over the full spectrum range. It also aids the operator in search and location of the source of the detected radiation. The spectrum of the source can be measured and stored in the memory. The unit is typically used as a belt-mounted monitor or a hand-held search detector. It automatically stores alarm events date and time and dose data in its memory for subsequent retrieval to a PC. Its simple one-button operation and user-friendly operator interface make it truly an ideal front-line tool for a variety of users involved in detection and interception of radioactive and nuclear materials.

1.2 System description

Standard GR-100 Personal Radiation Monitor system consists of:

- GR-100 Personal Radiation Monitor Unit
- Two "AA" Alkaline Batteries
- Earphone With Volume Control
- Belt Mounted Carrying pouch
- PC Interface Cable
- CD With GR-100 Monitor Software
- GR-100 User Manual
- Shipping Case

The following optional equipment is also available:

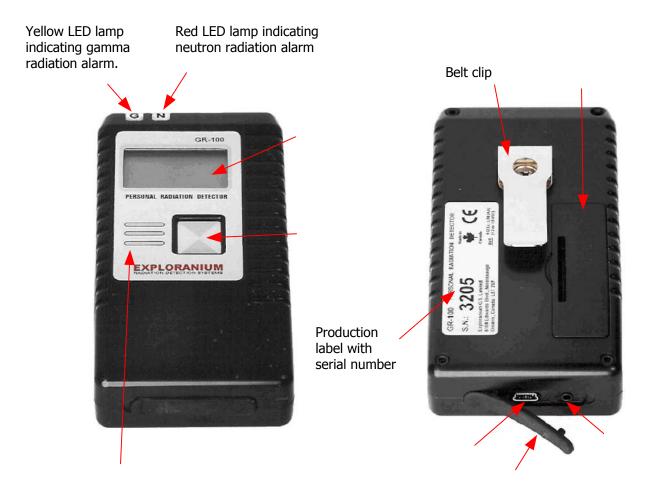
- Rechargeable Nickel-Cadmium Battery
- Rechargeable Nickel Metal Hydride Battery
- Battery Charger and Cable Assembly
- Battery Charger/PC Interface Cable Assembly
- 0.25 Micro-Currie Cesium¹³⁷ Test Source

The GR-100 Personal Radiation Monitor is supplied in two versions:

- GR-100 equipped with CsI gamma detector
- GR-100N equipped with both CsI gamma and LiI neutron detectors

The neutron detector option must be selected at the time of purchase.

The following figure shows the front and back views of the GR-100 unit.



The unit is housed in a rugged ABS plastic case designed to withstand adverse weather conditions. It has a universal removable stainless steel clip for mounting on a variety of waist belts. The Operator interface is facilitated by graphic liquid crystal display (LCD) and a single push button. The Radiation alarm is displayed via one digit LED display on the top of the unit. This display is clearly visible when unit is worn on a belt. An Alarm is also indicated with an audio beeper and a vibrator. An earphone with volume control is provided for operation in noisy environments. It connects to an audio jack located at the bottom of the unit under a rubber protection cap. This cap also conceals a USB connector for interfacing the unit to a PC or/and to a Battery Charger. All functions and settings are controlled with the button on the front panel. The Battery compartment is accessible by lifting the removable cover plate on the back of the unit. For additional protection during operations, the unit can be inserted into a belt mounted leather pouch. The earphone can remain connected to the unit when in the pouch. You can set up, store, and retrieve parameters and data from the instrument by connecting it to any desktop or notebook computer that has the GR-100 Monitor software installed.

GR-100 Personal Radiation Monitor Accessories

The following figure shows the GR-100 accessories:



Earphone with Volume Control

2.0 Operation

2.1 Push button

The push button is used as a function selection switch. There are 3 basic ways to use this button:

- SHORT PRESS Short depression of the button, lasting more than 0.1 seconds but less then 1 second.
- LONG PRESS Long depression lasting, lasting more than 1 second but less then 2 seconds.
- HOLD Press and hold for more than 5 seconds.

Activation shorter than 0.1 sec is called SPIKE and is ignored by the system. Activation longer than 2 seconds starts the Switch OFF procedure, but if activated for less than 5 seconds it changes to LONG.

2.2 Battery

The unit operates off a single AA battery. The system recognize two types of batteries – rechargeable or non-rechargeable. Non-rechargeable means alkaline battery and two types of rechargeable batteries can be used: Nickel-Cadmium (NiCd) or Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH).

The battery is loaded by removing the battery cover – use a finger-nail or coin in the groove in front of the slot on the rear to lever the battery door open. Insert the battery in the battery compartment, being sure to place the bottom of the battery on the spring and the top to the brass terminal. Seat the battery firmly in place above the removal strap then clip the battery cover in place.

NOTE: All measured data is stored in non-volatile memory and they remain in the memory even if the battery is removed after the correct power-down sequence.

CAUTION: If you remove the battery while the GR-100 is in operation, your data will be lost. Please use the correct power-down sequence before removing the battery to ensure that data will not be lost.

NOTE: The time/date information will be lost if the battery is removed for more than one minute. Therefore, it is recommended to replace battery within one minute to avoid the time and date reset. First prepare the new battery to be installed. Then remove the old battery and quickly replace it with the new one. If you experience any problem with the new battery, reinstall the old battery back until the problem is resolved. The old, nearly discharged battery will not be sufficient for operation of the equipment, but it will keep the time and date for a while. If the time and date is lost, it can be easily reset manually upon first power-up, or by the PC when connected.

2.3 Power on

To power on the GR-100, make a LONG press with the front panel push button. The STARTUP screen is displayed for approximately 5 seconds:

		EXPLO	RANIUM
٠	GR-100 is the instrument model number	🕨 GR	R-100
٠	1V7 is the current firmware version installed in the unit ———	1V7	#3284
•	#3284 is the unit's serial number		

During the start-up the unit performs a series of internal self-testing procedures and verifies that the alarm indicators are functioning. You can observe the following:

- BUZZER beeps (if enabled)
- RED light flashes as a lamp tests
- YELLOW light flashes as a lamp tests
- VIBRATOR vibrates (if enabled)

The unit recognizes during the start-up procedure if the battery was replaced and proceeds with additional tests and set-up procedures. During those tests you have to select the battery type to assure proper operation.

The SHORT press advances display to the next battery type selection (RECHARGEABLE). The LONG press confirms the selected battery type and continues the power-up sequence. The next warning will be displayed if the remaining capacity of the battery is less than about 5 - 10 %. It is possible to continue using the unit for a few hours, but it is recommended to change or charge battery soon.

NOTE: To save remaining battery power, the backlighting cannot be activated when LOW BATTERY is displayed.

If you continue using the unit and the battery becomes completely discharged, the following screen is displayed and the unit is turned OFF.

If battery was not replaced within one minute, or after the first power-up, the Set Date/Time screen is displayed before battery selection is requested.

To set the date, SHORT press changes the year (YY) and LONG press confirms the selected setting and moves the cursor to month (MM) and than to day (DD). After confirming the Day setting, the screen changes to time setting.

The setting of the hours (HH) and minutes (MM) are analogous, the seconds are only displayed but it is not possible to set them. The procedure continues via selecting the battery as described above.

NEW BATTERY SELECT TYPE NON-RECHARGE

LOW BATTERY PRESS MODE

BATTERY DISCHARGED SWITCH OFF

SET DATE/TIME YY 00/01/01

SET DATE/TIME HH 00:00:00

2.4 Power off

To power the unit OFF press HOLD (press button and hold for about 5 seconds) until the following sequence of displays is seen and the power goes OFF. Note that if you release the button at any point before power-off is completed, the system will take it as a LONG press and it will go back to the SETTING screens.

NOTE: If powering down from other displays, the first message appears according to the LONG press and after 5 seconds the power will go OFF.



2.5 Updating the Background screen

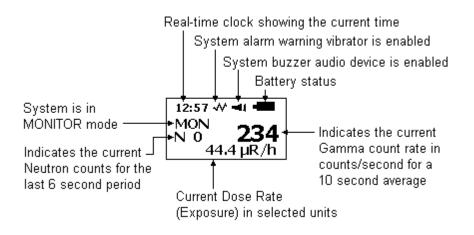
After initial start up the system must accumulate a radiation background level to assess the local background. Be sure to do this while at a sufficient distance from possible radiation sources. The display shows a 5 second countdown (5, 4, 3, 2, 1) during this process.



At the end of this period the local background is stored in memory. Later, the background level is updated regularly every 10 seconds and used for Alarm Level calculations.

2.6 Monitor mode

After the STARTUP screen is displayed for a few seconds and UPDATING BACKGROUND is completed, the unit goes to monitoring mode and the MONITOR screen is displayed.



NOTE: In normal background conditions (absence of radiation sources), the count rate should be between 5 and 25 cps and the dose rate about 50 - 250 nGy/h, 50 - 250 nSv/h or 5 - 25 mR/h.

The battery status icon is fully black when battery is fully charged. As the battery capacity goes down the black filling decreases to the right-hand side. The icon is "empty" if the capacity drops down to about 10 %.

The YELLOW LED light flashes faintly every three seconds to show the system is operational and battery is OK. If battery is low, the RED LED light starts flashing.

2.7 Dose rate

The GR-100 is an instrument that accurately displays the computed Dose-Rate over the full spectrum range. The unit is calibrated so that whether the source is Americium, Cesium, Cobalt or any other isotope, the Dose Rate computation is accurate. This is achieved by using an internal spectrometer analysis system that compensates for spectral influence of the Dose Rate. The Dose Rate is shown in both Monitor and Search modes in the bottom part of the display.

Note: The displayed Dose Rate is a 10 second moving average. It means that the value is renewed every second, but it is calculated from the signal measured during the last 10 seconds.

Current Dose Rate can be measured in three different units:

- Gy/hr (Grays per hour) units are used mostly in Europe for radiation Dose Rate measurements.
- R/hr (Roentgens per hour) units of exposure to radiation are used mostly in North America.
- Sv/hr (Sievert per hour) units are used for equivalent Dose Rate when the person's health risk is assessed.

The measurement range is $0.01 - 100 \mu$ Sv/hr, covering the range from very low background to the danger level. When the actual dose rate is higher than 100 μ Sv/hr, the message OVERLOADED is displayed instead of the dose rate value. The display returns to show the dose rate when radiation level drops below 100 μ Sv/hr.

The calibration point for dose rate is defined as the center of the gamma detector, which is 3 cm from the top edge of the unit (in the middle of display), 1 cm from the right edge and 1.3 cm under the face side. The irradiation direction is from the side opposite the display.

The Dose Rate is accumulated in the GR-100 memory during operation in Monitoring or Searching mode and stored every hour, or when the unit is powered down. The results can be downloaded to a PC and saved. The Dose Rates are always stored in nSv/h units no matter what selected units are set for viewing on the display.

2.8 Alarms

For normal use the unit is operated in the MONITOR mode. In this mode, the signal is analyzed for alarm conditions and the results are updated every second.

2.8.1 Alarm Level Setting

After start-up a 5 second average of the local radiation background is computed and stored in memory. This is the *Start Background*. The system automatically updates this background every 10 seconds using a special algorithm that creates an accurate representation of the local background. This is referred to as the *Local Background*.

The Alarm Threshold is a parameter in the unit's memory that you can set. The unit automatically sets the Gamma Alarm Threshold by applying the Gamma Parameter that you set via the PC Monitor 105 program to the background. The Gamma Alarm threshold setting represents the number of standard deviations (Sigma) of the local background radiation signal by which the measured signal must exceed the background signal to trigger an alarm. The gamma threshold is constantly adapting to varying background conditions.

The local background is constantly updated unless an alarm occurs, in which case the updating is suspended until the alarm is cancelled and Monitoring mode is restarted. It is strongly recommended that you step back from the source before switching to Monitor mode to make sure the background is truly reflective of only the local radiation level and not the anomalous level due to the detected source.

Also note that once the alarm threshold is set using this technique, the unit is usable in any local radiation setting without further need for readjustment. The alarm level is automatically changed to adapt to local radiation conditions.

2.8.2 Alarm Level actions

The GR-100 unit is typically worn on a belt. You are alerted to an alarm by an audio beep and/or vibration action, depending on the system settings selection. In alarm condition, you can glance down at the unit and see the flashing LEDs through the transparent windows as a visual reinforcement that an alarm has occurred.

The following indications are present when an alarm occurs:

- The AUDIO transducer beeps in a warning mode of 5 triple-beeps that are approximately 2 secs apart.
- The appropriate LED lights up (YELLOW=Gamma, RED=Neutron) in a flashing mode ones per second.
- The VIBRATOR is activated 5 times, provided it is enabled.
- The LCD screen shows:



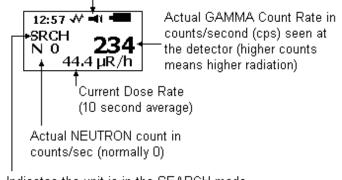
In this case the unit indicates that a GAMMA alarm has occurred. The displayed dose rate is the maximum value measured during the period the alarm message is on the screen. In the alarm condition, the displayed value is obtained from 1 second measurements. The short integration time is used to learn about the dose rate maximum to make searching (in Search Mode) the radiation "hot spot" easy. The real dose rate, the measure of the health hazard, is stored in the memory as dose history.

Press SHORT to go to the SEARCH MODE. After pressing SHORT, the following screen is displayed:

As noted above, in the SEARCH mode the count rate, dose rate and audio tone are used to accurately locate the source of radiation. The higher value or the higher frequency of beeping means that the detector is closer to the source.

A SHORT press of the button at any time in the SEARCH mode will return the unit to the MONITOR mode. If no action is taken in SEARCH mode for

Audio tone is proportional to the radiation count rate (updated every 2 seconds)



Indicates the unit is in the SEARCH mode

15 minutes, the unit will return to the monitoring mode automatically.

2.8.3 Search Response

The following response is obtained in the SEARCH mode:

- As the unit approaches radioactive material the COUNT display (234 above) increases to show that the radiation intensity is increasing.
- If any neutron radiation is present, the neutron data will be displayed in counts/second.
- As the radiation intensity increases, the AUDIO frequency will increase proportionally (if enabled), thus making it easy to locate the source in an "eyes-free" manner.
- The audio signal responds to radiation from just above the alarm threshold level to very high level (the count rate of 2000 cps) in progression of beep frequency. The frequency of beeps is proportional to the count rate in non-linear manner. Using this method, the response to low radiation levels is enhanced to enable the search for distant or shielded sources. The beep frequency remains constant above 2000 counts per second.

3.0 Setting up the Unit

To access the unit set-up screens from the MONITOR mode, do a LONG press. The sequence starts with SEARCH. In any of the following screens a SHORT press advances to the next selection and the LONG press activates the selected function or parameter.

- SEARCH switches to the SEARCH mode when the unit is not in alarm.
- SETTINGS enables activation of the audio beeper, vibrator and backlight. SHORT press toggles between ON or OFF.
- DATE/TIME enables date and time setting.
- LONG COUNT enables measurement over an extended period of time.
- MONITOR returns back to the monitoring mode.

3.1 Search Mode

While in the monitor (MON) display, press LONG until you see:

Release the button when the search screen is displayed. Subsequent LONG press will select the search mode, the following screen will be shown briefly and then the full SEARCH screen will be displayed.

SEARCH

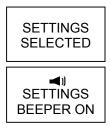
SEARCH SELECTED

3.2 Setting Parameters

A LONG press in the monitor mode followed by a SHORT press brings on the SETTINGS screen:

Setting mode is entered with another LONG press:

The first screen that follows is used to set the beeper ON or OF:



SETTINGS

The **SHORT** press toggles the beeper setting between ON and OFF, the LONG press confirms the selected setting and advances the screen to the next parameter. If there is no action for 15 seconds during the parameter setting procedure, the unit returns to the monitoring mode. The procedure proceeds with setting the following three parameters:

- **BEEPER ON / OFF** this determines whether the internal audio beeper (or earphone) is active for alarms and search. The beeper cannot be turned off if the vibrator is also turned off. One of the two alarm indicators must always be activated.
- VIBRATOR ON / OFF some users want a covert alarm capability so they want to use the vibrator rather than the beeper. It is recommended placing the GR-100 into the breast pocket in this case. The vibration may not be noticed when the unit is belt mounted. However the vibrator uses a lot of electrical power, thus shortening the battery life. This function is not essential and therefore, it is recommended that the vibrator be set to OFF to conserve battery life
- **BACKLITE ON / OFF** In low light conditions the backlight makes the display substantially more visible. If ON, the display is illuminated during switching ON procedure; in case of ALARM, during SEARCH mode operation and 10 seconds after any button activation. During backlighting the battery drain is increased about 10 times. Normally it decreases the battery life 2 or 3 times according to the ratio between MONITOR and SEARCH mode. In the rare occasions that this feature is actually required it can be temporarily enabled as described below. So normally it is recommended that this function be OFF.

After confirming the backlight status selection via LONG press, the unit resumes the monitoring mode.

3.3 Setting DATE/TIME

A LONG press in the monitor mode followed by two SHORT presses brings on the DATE/TIME setting screen:

Then LONG press confirms the selection:

Follow the same procedure as in 2.3 to set correct date and time:

To set date, SHORT press changes the year (YY) and LONG press confirms the selected setting and moves the cursor to month (MM) and than to day (DD). After confirming the Day setting, the screen changes to time setting.

The setting of the hours (HH) and minutes (MM) are analogous, the seconds are only displayed but it is not possible to set them. The SHORT press changes the value, the LONG confirms it. After confirming the minutes via LONG press the unit returns to monitoring mode.

DATE/TIME

DATE/TIME SELECTED

SET DATE/TIME YY 00/01/01



LONG COUNT

LONG COUNT SELECTED

3.4 Long Count Mode

From the MONITOR display press LONG and than three times SHORT to bring the LONG COUNT setting screen on:

Press LONG to confirm the selection:

This activates the LONG COUNT feature and starts the counting cycle. The LONG COUNT screen is similar to the monitor screen except the MON symbol is replaced with the counting time period.

This mode of operation allows you to make longer time of measurement to obtain higher sensitivity and more precise results for low level radiation in constant radiation field. You can terminate the counting cycle at any time by pressing LONG. The following screen appears after termination of the counting period:

- **G** means column with the gamma data
- **N** means column with the neutron data
- The first data row (28620, 2) indicates the total number of counts per the total counting time period for the respective gamma and neutron detector.
- The second data row (31, 0.00) indicates the count rate with the respective gamma and neutron detector.
- The third data row (901 sec) indicates the total counting time period in seconds.
- The SHORT press resumes the standard monitoring mode again.

3.5 Return to Monitoring Mode

If you enter the function selection routine by mistake, you can return to the monitoring mode by pressing SHORT four times.

You can select the monitoring mode by pressing LONG:

Consecutive SHORT presses move the selection in a loop sequence: SEARCH – SETTINGS – DATE/TIME – LONG COUNT – MONITOR until you confirm one of the selections. If no action is taken by the operator for 15 seconds, the unit reverts back to the monitoring mode automatically.



G	N
28620	∾ 2
31	0.00
<u>901</u>	sec
<u> </u>	300

MONITOR

MONITOR SELECTED

3.6 Remote setup

The GR-100 is supplied with an external RS-232 serial cable that plugs into a connector on its base. The other side of the cable is connected to the serial port on a PC running the Monitor 100U Remote Control Software supplied by Exploranium on the CD included with the unit. Operating instructions for this software are described in Section 4 of this manual. The software allows you to set-up remotely all system parameters and operating functions and retrieve stored data.

3.7 Earphone

The earphone supplied with the unit can be used in noisy environment, or in covert operations. The earphone can be plugged into a special connector on the base of the unit after lifting the rubber cover.

The earphone jack is located under the rubber cover on the left-hand side. The right-hand side is fixed to avoid the loss of the cover. When connected, it automatically disables the internal audio beeper.

NOTE: The BUZZER must be enabled for this function to work.

When the earphone is unplugged the unit automatically reverts to internal audio functions.



Figure Earphone Connection

If the GR-100 is used with the belt mounted leather carrying pouch, connect the right-angle earphone plug as shown in the figure above. Hold the cable along the left side of the case and insert the unit into the leather pouch with the cable running along the side of the pouch as shown in the next figure. There is space provided inside the pouch for the connector to fit. GR-100 can be taken out of the pouch without disconnecting the earphone.

Earphone Used in Belt Pouch



3.8 Battery charging

Rechargeable batteries and the charger are available as an optional equipment Either Ni-Cd or Ni-MH batteries can be charged inside the unit. The 110 VAC/12 VDC (or 220 VAC/12 VDC) adapter connects to the mini-USB jack at the bottom of the unit using a separate cable supplied with the option.

CAUTION: Using any other cable can cause fatal damage to the instrument!

Open rubber cover located on the bottom of the GR-100 and insert power cable adapter to the mini-USB jack in the centre. Handle the cover on its left hand side where the earphone connector is located. The right-hand side is fixed to avoid the loss of the cover. You must be sure that proper battery type is selected! If not, remove the battery, check its type, re-install it and switch the unit ON. The request for battery type selection appears during the start up procedure after a new battery was installed. Connecting the AC power pack to an electrical outlet begins the charging cycle. Battery charging proceeds regardless of whether the unit is turned ON or OFF.

NOTE: This function is disabled in the PARAMETERS SETTING mode!

IMPORTANT: Never connect external power to the GR-100 if the battery is not correctly placed in the battery compartment!

While charging the battery, the yellow LED is ON continuously to indicate charging is in progress and the LCD displays the following screen:

CHARG	ING ON
TIME	0 min
1.40V	221mA

The charging time in minutes is displayed in the middle row; the voltage on the batteries and the charging current is shown in the bottom row. Normal battery charging takes out about 8 hours, from

fully discharged to fully charged, for the rechargeable batteries specified. When the battery is charged to about 95 % capacity, charging goes to the trickle mode and the yellow LED starts flashing once every 10 seconds. The display indicates end of charging but if the unit is not disconnected, the trickle charging continues every ten seconds preserve full battery capacity.

BAT. C	HARGED
TIME	468 min
1.40V	

After disconnecting the power adapter the GR-100 returns to previous point of operation. From MONITORING or SEARCH mode, it goes to UPDATING BACKGROUND and then to MONITORING mode. If the unit was OFF before charging started, it switches OFF when charging is completed. If charging was started from the display BATTERY DISCHARGED SWITCH OFF or LOW BATTERY message, the Start up procedure checks the battery voltage.

Note: Charging of the battery must be done in an area within temperature range from 10°C to 30°C.

3.9 Belt mounting

The GR-100 is equipped with a clip for breast pocket or belt mounting, and is also furnished with a leather carrying pouch, which can also be attached to the belt. If GR-100 is used with the leather carrying pouch only, the clip should be removed from the unit for smooth insertion into case. If the earphone is used for covert operations with belt mounted leather carrying pouch, connect the plug and insert GR-100 into the leather pouch with the cable on the left-hand side of the unit and close the case. There is space enough for the connector inside the case. It is then easily possible to take out the GR-100 from the case and follow the display during SEARCHING without disconnecting the earphone.

3.10 Gamma alarm test

For fast and easy alarm test, use the reference source included with the unit. Run GR-100 in the monitor mode and move the reference source close to the back right-hand side of the instrument. GR-100 must show GAMMA ALARM within 2 seconds.

NOTE: Used reference source has very low activity (0.25 mCi = 9.25 kBq) of Cesium-137. It is not classified as a controlled radioactive source. The source is also encapsulated and therefore handling it by the operator for testing purpose is safe.

4.0 Monitor 100U PC software

The Monitor 100U is a program for the remote control of the GR-100 Personal Radiation Monitor. This software permits you to set-up the operating parameters in the GR-100 from a PC, as well as retrieve internal data for analysis and record keeping.

The Monitor 100U software is supplied on the CD ROM that is included with the GR-100 unit. To launch the software:

- 1. Copy the directory "Monitor100U" from the CD to the desired location on your PC.
- 2. Create a shortcut to the Mon100U.exe file on your desktop for easier software launching.
- 3. With the serial cable supplied with the unit, connect one side of the cable to the serial port at the back of your PC. Note the serial port number.
- 4. Pull the left-hand side of the rubber cover on the bottom of the GR-100 to gain access to the connectors. The right-hand side of the rubber cover is affixed to the case to prevent accidental loss of the cover. Connect the mini-USB connector of the serial cable to the mating mini-USB jack on the unit.

Caution: Use only communication cable supplied with the unit. Using any other USB cable can cause fatal damage to the GR-100 or the PC.

- 5. Turn the GR-100 ON. The message "REMOTE" will appear on the screen to confirm that the unit is connected to the PC.
- 6. Start the program by double-clicking the Mon 105 icon (you can also run the Mon105.exe from the CD directly). The Main Menu screen appears.



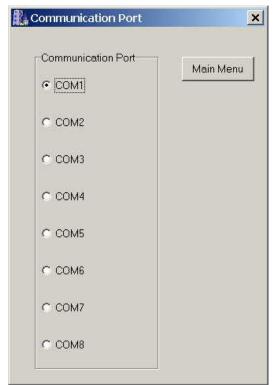
Four menu items are available in the menu bar, three of which are for controlling the unit: Tests, Setting and History. The Exit button stops the program. To switch among the Tests, Setting and History screens, you have to return to the main menu first by clicking on the Main Menu Button.

Changing COM ports

If you start the Monitor 105 program before the unit is connected to the PC, communication problems between the PC and the unit may occur. In this case the program displays an error message and stops the operation. Close the program and restart it again after the GR-100 has been connected to the PC.

If the GR-100 unit is connected to the COM 1 port on the PC, it will start communicating with the PC automatically. If it is connected to a different port, an error message will appear, and you must do the following:

- 1. Close the error message window.
- 2. Click on COMx in the menu bar and select the correct COM port in the Communication Port pop-up window.
- 3. Click on Main Menu button to return to the main menu screen.



4.1 Testing the GR-100

Clicking the Tests button opens the HW Tests screen for providing a number of equipment tests. The tests can be useful for advanced users or for service technicians.

👫 HW Tests	
COM1 Selected Connect GR-100 to PC via RS-232 cabel	x-y 2 110 cursor = 11 mV
Tests DAC0 DAC1 DAC0/DAC1 0 0	[step] Main Menu
Buzzer Counters T0 T1 Vibrator Read RTC 00-00-00 00:00:00 00-00-00 00:00:00 CONTRAST TEN CONTRAST TEN	
Gamma LED LCD 0 7 0 Neutron LED STATUS	Backite DIS
MODE NO key PAM 2 kB	OFF-LINE Utilities
	Time [sec] Get Spectrum

Tests are provided via buttons in the main part of the screen (labeled Tests). During a test a button's label changes to STOP to enable interruption of the procedure. The HW Tests screen has the following fields and controls:

- White field Shows the system messages for the provided operations. (upper left)
- Gray field Shows the measured data in graphical form. The color for this field turns yellow for gamma data and blue for neutron data.
- Single/ Allows tests to be done once or every second. Repeat

- UART Tests communication with the GR-100 and receives data from it.
- Buzzer Causes GR-100 to beep.
- Vibrator Causes GR-100 to vibrate.
- Gamma LED Tests the yellow gamma LED.
- Gamma LED Tests the red neutron LED.
- Mode Checks the status of the button action on the GR-100. The status of the button action is displayed:
 - NO Key means an absence of any action.
 - SPIKE means activation shorter than 0.1 second
 - SHORT is between 0.1 and 1 second
 - LONG is between 1 and 2 seconds.

Activating the button for longer than 2 seconds has no meaning (unless it is held for 5 seconds to switch off the GR-100).

- Temperature Displays the actual value taken from the internal thermometer on the GR-100.
- Battery

 Displays the actual voltage of the GR-100 battery via its internal voltmeter. Click the RECORD button to store charging data. The Open File to Save Charging Battery dialog box appears. Enter the file name and folder for storage data. The data is stored in text form; each measurement refers to one row with the time, the voltage [V] and the actual battery current [mA] (for instance: 12:10:00 1.35 210).
- DAC0/DAC1 Sets the discriminator channels for gamma (DAC0) and neutron (DAC1). The button next to it allows you to display the values in steps or mV. This button also has a third option called *saw tooth* for special DAC0/DAC1 tests.
- Counters Reads and displays the number of pulses in the gamma and neutron channels and the live time. These measurements are provided every second. On first check the labels T0, T1, T2 and neutr are displayed instead of values.

You can save the values to a file by first clicking the Repeat button. The "Open File to Save COUNTERS" dialog box appears. Enter a file and folder. When finished the test, click the STOP button. The data is stored in text format with each measurement as one row containing three numbers corresponding to the number of counts in the gamma channel (T0), neutron channel (T2), and life time in milliseconds (which would be less than 1000 since data is measured at 1 second intervals).

- Read RTC Reads the real-time clock on the GR-100 and displays the data in the next field.
- Send RTC Reads the real-time clock on the PC and writes it to the GR-100. The data is displayed in the previous field.

• LCD	 Fills the GR-100 display with test text and allows you to change the contrast of the LCD display with the arrows buttons. You can see the results on the display. TEMP displays the temperature to which the contrast is calculated.
Backlite	 Enables or disables the backlight of the LCD display for test purposes. It has no effect on the equipment settings after exiting the LCD test screen.
• Status	 Displays the following info about the processor: the total working time number of loading defaults number of LOW count situations number of HIGH count situations number of high current situations serial number of the processor board
• RAM 2 kB	 Tests the integrity of the RAM memory with the capacity of 2 kB. This test lasts about 7 seconds.
• EEPROM 8 kB	 Tests the integrity of the EEPROM memory with the capacity of 8 kB. This test lasts about 8 seconds and deletes all ALARM/DIAGNOSTIC/DOSE records in the memory.
Spectrum	 Allows remote access:
	 Set the ADC GAIN for the gamma detector (1, 2 or 4 next to G-ADC Gain button). This will activate the LLD Spectrum or MCA Spectrum buttons.
	Click the Gamma/Neutron button to select the status of the Gamma detector or the Neutron detector
	 Set the time of measurement (1 to 60 seconds for LLD or any time for MCA) in the field Time [sec.]).
	The first method (LLD) is provided by moving the discrimination level. It takes time but in some cases it can be very useful since the measurement is provided the same way as standard measurement. Pressing the LLD Spectrum button activates this function. The total measurement time is 40 times longer because each channel must be measured separately.
	The measured data is displayed on-line in the upper right field of the PC screen. When the gamma detector is used the field color turns yellow. With the neutron detector it turns blue.
• OFF-LINE Utilities	Lets you measure the LLD Spectrum for longer than 60 seconds. The procedures are started from the GR-100 G-Spectrum or Maintenance Mode, which lets the GR-100 operate without communication to the computer while the measured spectra are stored in the GR-100's memory. After finishing the measurement the GR-100 goes to Monitor Mode. The latest results can be transferred into the PC after connecting via serial cable and starting the Monitor GR100 software.

Get OFF-LINE Data in the Tests window takes the measured data from the equipment memory, automatically recognizes the type of measurement, and displays it in the upper right field of the PC screen.

4.2 Setting up parameters

To modify setup parameters, click the Setting option in the menu bar. The Setting screen appears.

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Buzzer	Alarm Threshold	
ON	Gamma [0.0 - 9.9 sigma] 0 => DIS.ALARM	
BEEP ON	Neutron [1 - 10 cnt/6 sec]	Display Default Se
	DANGER Gamma [1 - 100 uSv/h]	Display User Sett
LCD	DANGER Neutron [1 - 20 cnt/6 sec]	Save User Setti
BACKLITE OFF	Info	-
22 Contrast Fine	Serial Number [1 - 9999]	
0 grad C	O Software Version	
	Temperature [grad C]	
Dose Units	Battery [V]	
C Gy/hr C R/hr C Sv/hr	yy/mm/dd hh:mm:ss Set Date/Time	

This screen has a frame containing a series of buttons and data fields for the User Settings and three separate buttons to the right of the frame for displaying and saving the selected sets of settings. The unit comes with a set of standard parameters and settings loaded at the factory as default settings. These settings are permanently stored in the memory and can be recalled at any time by clicking on the Display Default Settings button.

You can change some of the settings to suit your preference or to adapt the instrument to unusual conditions at the site of the measurement. These settings are called User Settings and they can be saved by clicking the Save User Settings button to create a user specific profile. Both the default and user settings are stored in the unit's memory. The user settings can also be recalled to the screen by clicking the Display User Settings button. The User Settings can be subsequently modified and saved again. However, the new settings overwrite the previous User Settings. Only one set of User Settings are allowed to be stored in the unit. When the User Settings are saved, the unit retains them until they are changed again from the PC. The saved User Settings will be activated every time the unit is turned ON.

The default settings are displayed in black. Any change made to the default parameters causes the settings to change to red color to alert you that parameters have been changed. Similarly, the settings color changes to red when the user settings are changed. To revert back to the default settings, you must recall the default settings to the screen first and then save them as the User Settings. The unit always works with the settings stored in the user settings location in the memory.

The User Settings frame in the Setting screen contains seven sub-frames with grouped controls for: Vibrator, Buzzer, LCD, Dose Units, Discriminator, Alarm Threshold, and Info.

4.2.1 Vibrator

The ON/OFF button in the Vibrator frame allows you to enable or disable the vibrator action when an alarm occurs. Clicking on the button toggles between ON and OFF setting. While the vibrator action increases the electrical current consumption by a factor of ten when it is running, it has no effect on the battery life in the absence of alarms.

4.2.2 Buzzer

The ON/OFF button in the Buzzer frame allows you to enable or disable the audio beeper indicating an alarm condition. Clicking on the button toggles between ON and OFF setting. This setting also affects the audio beeper action in the Search mode and the output to the earphone. The Beep ON/OFF button in the Buzzer frame enables or disables an audio beep that is used to confirm action of the main push button on the unit. The beep function is useful to inform the operator that his mode selection has been successfully executed.

4.2.3 LCD

The Backlite ON/OFF button in the LCD frame enables or disables the screen backlighting. The backlight is used to improve the display readability in poor lighting conditions. The display backlight increases current consumption by ten times. The battery life is significantly shortened when the backlight is activated. You should exercise caution when activating the backlight.

The display contrast changes with the ambient temperature at the measurement site. The unit automatically adjusts contrast to maintain the best viewing conditions. For this purpose, the unit monitors the outside temperature and calculates the required correction for the contrast setting. The temperature is displayed in the bottom field of the LCD frame. The coarse contrast setting is set at the factory and cannot be changed by the user. However, you can make minor adjustments by changing the setting in the Contrast Fine window. The Contrast Fine setting range is from 0 to 64. Zero corresponds to blank screen and 64 to completely black screen. The average setting is 32.

4.2.4 Dose Units

The operator can select his preferred units for the dose measurement in the Dose Units Frame by clicking on the appropriate selection icon. The Gy/hr (Grays per hour) units are used mostly in Europe for radiation dose rate measurements. The R/hr (Roentgens per hour) units of exposure to radiation are used mostly in North America, and the Sv/hr (Sievert per hour) units are used for equivalent dose rate when the person's health risk is being assessed.

4.2.5 Discriminator

The Gamma and Neutron settings in the Discriminator frame are not accessible to the user. These settings determine the detection windows and are established during the factory set-up and calibration.

4.2.6 Alarm Threshold

In the Alarm Threshold frame, you can select individual settings for the gamma, neutron and danger radiation levels at which an alarm is triggered. The Gamma threshold setting represents the number of standard deviations (Sigma) of the local background radiation signal by which the measured signal must exceed the background signal to trigger an alarm. The allowed range for this setting is from 0.0 to 9.9. However, zero setting will completely disable the alarm function. This feature is used for testing and diagnostics. The gamma threshold is constantly adapting to varying background conditions. Default value for the Gamma setting is 5.0. If you attempt to delete the gamma threshold setting or to enter a setting that is outside of the allowed range, a warning message is displayed. Acknowledging the warning message will reinstate the default setting.

The Neutron alarm threshold setting represents the number of neutrons detected in one count period (6 sec) that the measured signal must exceed to trigger an alarm. The neutron threshold is a fixed value, unlike the gamma threshold that changes proportionally to changing background. Using a fixed neutron threshold is possible because the background neutron count rate is very low and it is not varying significantly from one location to another. If you attempt to delete the neutron threshold setting or to enter a setting that is outside the allowed range, a warning message is displayed. Acknowledging the warning message will reinstate the default setting.

The Danger threshold settings represent the value that the signal must exceed to trigger a Danger Alarm. The default setting for gamma radiation is 10 mSv/h. The default setting for neutron radiation is 10 counts per one counting period of 6 seconds. If you attempt to delete the danger threshold setting or to enter a setting that is outside the allowed range, a warning message is displayed. Acknowledging the warning message will reinstate the default setting.

4.2.7 Info

The Info frame contains information about the unit that is either entered at the factory or constantly measured by internal sensors. This information cannot be changed. The first two fields display the unit's serial number and the current firmware version respectively. The third field displays the internal temperature, and the forth shows the current battery voltage indicating the current state of the battery.

The bottom field in the Info frame displays the current date and time in the unit. This date and time can be re-set to synchronize with the local date and time running in the PC. Clicking on the Set Date/Time

button next to the Date/Time field synchronizes the unit clock with the PC clock and subsequent clicking on the Set User Settings re-sets the time and date in the unit (Stores the new synchronized clock data).

4.3 Data retrieval

GR-100 stores in its memory all alarm, dose and diagnostic events data acquired during its use. This data can be downloaded to a PC for viewing, printing and saving for subsequent evaluation or electronic distribution. Clicking on History in the menu bar in the Main Menu opens the History screen that is the starting point for data retrieval.

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Read Alarms Save to File DISABLED		Clear Alarms/Diag	Save to File ENABL	ED FileDOSE.ASC	Clear Dose

The History screen has a large white window that is used to display the data that has been retrieved from the unit. The buttons below the white window enable you to read various type of data from the unit's memory, display it in the window, print a hard copy of the displayed data, save the data to a selected folder in your PC, and erase the data from the unit's memory.

The buttons contained within the ALARMS/DIAGNOSTC frame are used to handle the alarm and diagnostic data, and the buttons in the DOSE frame are used for dose data only. The Print and Save to File buttons in both frames can be toggled between ENABLE and DISABLE settings. When the Print button is ENABLED, pressing Read Alarms will send the alarm data to the printer and pressing Read Diagnostic will print the diagnostic data. Similarly, when the Save to File button is ENABLED, pressing Read Alarms or Read Diagnostic will save the alarm or diagnostic data respectively to a file in the

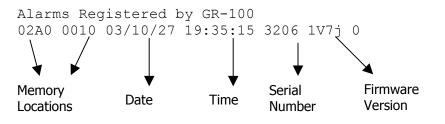
directory where the Monitor 100U program resides. Pressing Clear Alarms/Diag will erase both alarm and diagnostic data from the GR-100 memory. Buttons in the DOSE frame function in the same manner for the dose data.

4.3.1 Alarm Data Retrieval

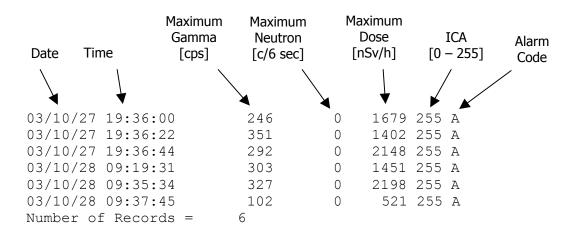
Clicking on the Read Alarms button in the History screen activates the alarm data download from the unit to the PC. The alarm data is displayed in the chronological order. All alarms that have occurred since the last time the alarm memory was cleared are displayed. The data will appear on the screen as shown bellow.

START Reading ALARMS 00B0 0010 03/11/06 14:11:10 3 03/11/06 14:11:56 360 03/11/06 14:13:12 292	206 11				
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11/11/06 11.12.10 000	0	2759 255 A			
03/11/06 14:13:12 292	0	1850 255 A			
03/11/06 14:18:09 330	0	2577 255 A			
03/11/06 14:19:20 238	0	1508 255 A			
03/11/06 14:20:52 354	0	2624 255 A			
03/11/06 14:22:40 388	0	2107 255 A			
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Read Alarms Print DISABLED	Re	ad Diagnostic	Read Dose	Print DISABL	LED

The alarm display has two sections: the header information and the actual alarm data. The header contains: Two write and read memory location numbers, Date, Time, Unit's Serial Number, and Current Firmware Version.



The data is presented in seven columns (from left to right): Date, Time, Maximum Gamma cps, Maximum Neutron counts per one counting period of 6 seconds, Maximum Dose Rate, ICA Battery Capacity Status, and Alarm Code.



The Save to File button at the bottom left corner of the history screen toggles between ENABLE and DISABLE states. When the Save to File button displays ENABLED, the alarm data is automatically saved to a file in the Monitor 100U folder after clicking on the Read Alarms button. The program always displays the default file name "FileALARM.ASC. You must type a new file name for your data. If the name of this file is not changed, the previous data will be over-written with the new data every time the Read Alarms button is clicked-on. The previous data will be lost because it will be replaced with the new data.

The data is saved in ASCII format and can be viewed with a variety of editing, word processing and spreadsheet programs. It can be distributed by email. A hard copy of the data can be obtained by setting the Print button to the ENABLED state and clicking on the Read Alarms button. The data is printed in a columnar format with a header as shown above. Printing and saving operations can be done simultaneously if both Print and Save to File buttons are enabled.

Clicking on the Clear Alarms/Diag button deletes the alarm records from the GR-100 memory. You should be careful not to erase the alarm data until you verified that it was saved correctly under the desired file name. The data can be downloaded from the unit and saved repeatedly until it is finally erased. To clear the screen without loosing the data, click on Main Menu. This will return you to the main menu screen. Clicking on History in the menu bar will bring you back to the blank History screen. You can now select the Save to File DISABLE if you do not wish to save the data, or Save to File ENABLE if you do wish to save the data. Type a new file name for the data in the file name field and then click on the Read Alarm button. This will download the data again, display it on the screen, and save it to the desired file. This process can be repeated indefinitely, provided the data was not erased by clicking on the Clear Alarms/Diag button.

4.3.2 Diagnostic Events Retrieval

Clicking on the Read Diagnostics button in the History screen activates the diagnostic events data download from GR-100 to the PC. The individual events that have occurred since the last data erase are displayed in chronological order in the History window. The data appears on the screen as shown below.

The data format is similar to the alarm data. It contains a header, identical to the alarms header, and eight data columns below the header. The columns represent, from left to right: Date, Time, Battery Voltage, Battery Current, Battery Type, Battery Icon Status, ICA Battery Capacity Status, and Diagnostic Event Code, as shown below.

Date	Time	Battery Voltage [V]	Battery Current [mA]	Batte Typ	•	Ic	tery on 12]	ICA [0 – 255]	Event Code
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03/10/31	20:57:16	1	.27	-21	1	12	255	P	
03/10/31	20:57:16	1	.26	-21	1	12	255	S	
03/10/31	20:58:05	1	.27	-21	1	12	255	P	
03/10/31	20:59:28	1	.27	-17	1	12	255	В	
03/10/31	21:00:00	1	.28	-17	1	5	255	Т	
03/12/01	21:00:00	1	.27	-17	1	5	255	Т	
Number of	f Records	= 6							

Battery Voltage:	Volts
Battery Current:	mA
Battery Type:	1 = Non-Rechargeable, 2 = Re-chargeable
Battery Icon Status:	Number of bars $(0 - 12)$
Battery ICA:	0 = Discharged; 255 = Fully Charged
Event Code:	B – New Battery Inserted
	E – Discharged Battery
	N – Faulty Neutron Detector
	P – Power-on Reset
	S – Software Reset
	T – New Date/Time Reset
	W – Watch-dog Reset

The diagnostic data enables monitoring of the unit's performance during the period of time since the last memory erase. The diagnostic data can be printed in hard copy and saved to a file in the same manner as the alarm data. The diagnostic data is saved to a file if the Save to File button is ENABLED when the Read Diagnostic button is activated. Make sure to type a unique file name in the file name window next to the Save to File ENABLED button to be able to identify the file in the data directory.

Clicking on the Clear Alarms/Diag button deletes the diagnostics records and also the alarm data from the GR-100 memory. You should be careful not to erase the diagnostics data until you verified that it was saved correctly under the desired file name. The data can be downloaded from the unit and saved repeatedly until it is finally erased. If the file name is incorrect or other errors were made, you can retrieve the data again.

A hard copy of the data is obtained by setting the Print button to the ENABLED state and clicking on the Read Diagnostic button. The data is printed in a columnar format with a header as shown above.

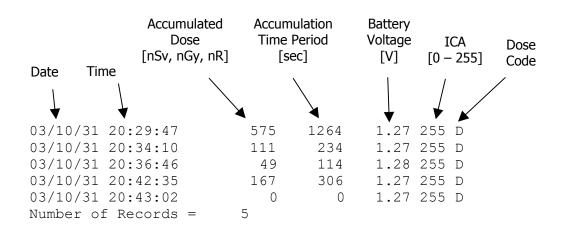
4.3.3 Accumulated Dose Data Retrieval

The procedures for retrieving, printing, saving and erasing the accumulated dose data are identical to those used for the alarm data as described previously. Clicking on the Read Dose button will trigger dose data download from the GR-100 to the PC. The dose data is displayed in the History screen in chronological order as shown in the picture below. When using the GR-100, dose data is acquired continuously and stored periodically in the unit's memory. The dose data is stored every hour on the hour and also when the unit is powered down. In continuous operation, the maximum accumulation time period per one dose record is 1 hour (3,600 seconds). If the unit is turned off before the one-hour period expires, the accumulation time is shorter.

If the unit is running when connected to the PC, the data accumulated during the last incomplete time period is also downloaded to the PC, even though, it has not been stored in the unit's memory yet. If the data download is performed and subsequently the unit is disconnected from the PC without erasing the dose data, the unit will continue accumulating dose data for the incomplete time period. The partial accumulation period will be completed and correct dose data will be saved at the end of the full one-hour period.

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START Reading DOSE							 	 	
LO60 1010 03/11/06	14:43:05	3206 11	7j 1						
03/11/06 14:46:56	1132	196	1.22	255	D				
03/11/06 14:49:00	374	86	1.21						
			1.20						
03/11/06 14:52:53	244	92	1.21						
)3/11/06 14:55:23)3/11/06 14:56:00	379 0	108 8	1.20						
Number of Records =	6								
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The retrieved dose data format is similar to that of the alarm data. It has a header containing: Two write and read memory location numbers, Date, Time, Unit's Serial Number, and Current Firmware Version. The header is followed by seven dose data columns: Date, Time, Dose, Accumulation Time Period (seconds), Battery Voltage, ICA Battery Capacity Status, and Dose Code, as shown below. The total gamma dose accumulated during the measured period of time is always shown in nSv, regardless which units were selected in the GR-100 prior to starting the measurement.



The dose data is shown for the total time since the last memory erase. The dose data can be printed in hard copy and saved to a file in the same manner as the alarm data described above. The dose data is saved to a file if the Save to File button in the DOSE frame is ENABLED when the Read Dose button is activated. Make sure to type a unique file name in the file name window next to the Save to File ENABLED button in the DOSE frame to be able to identify the file in the data directory.

Clicking on the Clear Dose button deletes the dose records from the GR-100 memory. You should be careful not to erase the dose data until you verified that it was saved correctly under the desired file name. The data can be downloaded from the unit and saved repeatedly until it is finally erased. If the file name is incorrect or other errors were made, you can retrieve the data again.

A hard copy of the dose data is obtained by setting the Print button in the DOSE frame to ENABLED state and clicking on the Read Dose button. The data is printed in a columnar format with a header as shown above.

5.0 Technical specifications

5.1 Gamma detector and analog processor

Detector:	Cesium-Iodide Thallium Doped Crystal [CsI(Tl)] 0.3 cu ins ($5 \text{ cm}3$) Volume, 0.5" Dia x 1.5" Long (13 mm Dia x 38 mm Long) with an integral bi-alkali PMT
Energy Range:	From 40 keV
Sensitivity:	15 cps per 1 MBq at 1 m distance using Cs-137
Number of Channels:	5 Channels plus Total Count
Maximum Count Rate:	9 999 cps
Modes of Measurement	: Monitoring, Searching, Long Counting

5.2 Neutron detector and analog processor

Detector:	Lithium-Iodide Solid State Detector
Sensitivity:	1 cps per 0.01 mg 252 Cf (about 20 000n/s) at 0.25 m Distance, Aaverage Background 0.05 cps
Number of Channels:	1 Channel
Modes of Measurement	: Monitoring, Searching, Long Counting

5.3 Monitoring

Sample Time:	1 s
Gamma Alarm Level:	Selectable 3.0 – 10.0 times the Background Standard Deviation, Automatic Background Correction
Neutron Alarm Level:	Selectable 3 – 10 counts per 6 sec Counting Period
Audio Alert :	Buzzer: OFF, ON.
Visual Alert :	Yellow LED for Gamma Alarm, Red LED for Neutron Alarm
Vibrator:	ON, OFF

5.4 Searching

Response:	Variable Tone Buzzer Count Rate on LCD Dose rate on LCD
Audio Meter:	0.5 second response time Variable Tone

5.5 Dosemeter

Sample Time:	1 s						
Response:	10 sec Integration Time Constant						
Energy range:	60 keV - 1.5 MeV						
Measurement Units:	Selectable R, Sv, Gy						
Measurement Range:	10 µR/h - 10 mR/h (0.01 – 100 mSv/h)						
Dose Accuracy:	+/- 50%						

5.6 Clock - Calendar

Туре:	Built in 24-hour clock, 4-year calendar (including leap year) 1 minute battery backup, then reset
Precision:	+/- 3 s/day at 25 deg. C +/- 30 s/day over full operating temperature range

5.7 Data storage

- Type: 8 kB CMOS Nonvolatile Memory
- Capacity: 256 Alarm Events, including time/date 256 Dose Data Records

Stored Data Retrieval: Via serial channel to a computer.

5.8 Data output

Type: Serial Channel RS-232C, 1 start bit, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit.

Baud Rate: 2400 Bd.

Format: Binary

5.9 Display

Туре:	WTSTN (Wide Temperature Super Twist Nematic) Graphics LCD, 106 x 56 pixels, LED Backlight
Viewing Area:	30 x 16 mm.
Contrast:	Automatic Temperature Correction

5.10 Power supply option

<u>Rechargeable Battery</u> Type:	1 "AA" Cell, 1.2 V Ni-MH (Nickel Metal Hydride) or 1.2 V Ni-Cd (Nickel Cadmium)
Operation Time:	Typically 200 hours of monitoring at 25 oC, no backlight, with 2.0 Ah Ni-MH 120 hours of monitoring at 25 oC, no backlight, with 1.1 Ah Ni-Cd
Charging: charging, charging stat	Inside GR-100 via external 12 VDC Constant Current Float Charger. Overnight cus and full charge indicated on display. External power adapter 12 VDC (from 9 to 15 VDC)
Primary Battery	
Туре:	1 "AA" Cell, Non-Rechargeable Alkaline 1.5 V
Battery Life:	Typically 280 hours of monitoring at 25 oC, no backlight, with Alkaline VARTA #4006 (2.8 Ah)

5.11 Connectors

Serial Com Channel:	USB Mini "B" Jack
External Power Supply:	USB Mini "B" Jack
Mating Connector:	Only with Exploranium supplied special cables
Earphone:	2.5 mm Mono Jack
Mating Connector:	2.5 mm Mono Plug
Charger:	2.5 mm Circular Audio Jack, +12 V on the center pin

5.12 Connectors

Dimensions:	Length = $4.7"$ (120 mm) Width = $2.5"$ (63 mm) Hight = $1.0"$ (25 mm)		
Weight:	0.19 kg	(0.42 lbs)	including battery

5.13 Environmental

Operating Temperature Range:	- 15 oC to + 50 oC
Storage Temperature Range:	- 20 oC to + 60 oC
Protection: Spla	sh-proof, dust-proof (no immersing).
Non-condensing Relative Humidity	: Less than 90% at 35oC.
RFI/EMI Emission:	CE and FCC rules (47 CFR Part 15) for class A compliant

5.14 Accessories

Standard:

- Two AA Alkaline Batteries
- CD ROM with Monitor100U Remote Control Software
- RS-232 Data Cable for PC Connection
- User's Manual
- Belt-mounted Lather Carrying Pouch
- Earphone with volume control
- Shipping Case

Optional:

- 110 VAC/12 VDC Power Adapter for battery charging (220 VAC optional) with cable
- Reference Source Cesium-137 (0.25 µCi)
- Rechargeable Nickel-Cadmium Battery
- Rechargeable Nickel-Metal Hydride Battery

Appendix A Error messages

Display message	Problem	Action
No counts	Gamma channel is not working	Return to the nearest service center for repair
Low counts	Unit is situated in a very low background area (caves). Gamma channel has a low gain	Continue with the measurement. Return to the nearest service center for repair
High counts	Unit is in high radiation area when the background is being updated. Gamma channel is noisy	Go to an area without any radiation sources. Return to the nearest service center for repair
Battery overloaded	Wrong battery. Short circuit in the unit	Change battery. Return to the nearest service center for repair