LEAK ALERT 65-02

Dust Monitor with Filter Leak Detection

- Reliable detection and monitoring of leaking and broken bags in faulty/failing dust collectors
- Separate Control Unit for convenient user interface at remote location from sensor in duct
- 0–100% trending or scaling for mg/m³ indication of dust output
- Options for in-built sensor zero and reference self-checks for regulatory compliance
- Probe Check (Insulator Short-Circuit Check) option for improved data integrity
- Early prediction and location of leaking and broken bags in fabric filters
System Description

The LEAK ALERT 65-02 is particularly suitable for use with dust collectors. It provides reliable and robust monitoring of particulate dust levels and leaks from faulty filter media in baghouses. The sensor, installed after the filter, conditions, amplifies and analyses the dust signal and communicates a secure digital signal to the remotely located control unit, where instrument set-up, configuration, local display, and 4-20mA output signals functionality are provided.

The LEAK ALERT 65-02 benefits from PCME’s unique ElectroDynamic™ Probe Electrification technology. Advanced unique features enable configuration for bagfilters irrespective of cleaning sequence. The external display, keypad and patented self-check options provide ease of use and added Quality Control.

Process Application Conditions

The LEAK ALERT 65-02 is the ideal solution for continuous monitoring of fabric filter dust collectors. Applications include:

- Stack flue gas temperatures up to 400°C at monitoring point
- Duct diameters to 4 metres
- Dry and humid applications. Up to 95% relative humidity, non-condensing
- Online or Offline bag cleaning sequences
- Acid gas environments

Principles of Operation

The LEAK ALERT 65-02 uses PCME’s unique and patented ElectroDynamic™ Probe Electrification technology. Particulates in the airstream interact with the sensing rod to induce a charge signature. The resulting signal is filtered electronically to reject signals outside a defined frequency range (rejecting the DC Triboelectric signal), making the instrument less susceptible to changes in particle velocity and eliminating the effect of any particulate contamination on the sensing rod (affecting Triboelectric dust monitors).

ElectroDynamic™ technology does not rely on particles colliding with the probe, and therefore measures a more representative area of the stack and does not require long sensor probe rods. The rod can be fully insulated to provide a reliable solution for high-humidity applications (patented option).

- Not affected by contamination on the sensor rod (unlike Triboelectric systems).
- Not affected by velocity variations within typical bagfilter velocity ranges (unlike Triboelectric systems).
- Provides stable results and calibrations. Drift due to electrostatic charging is avoided when standard probes are used in dry applications.

Instrument Self-Checks

Probe Check (Insulator Short-Circuit Check) for detection of insulator contamination (patented option)

ElectroDynamic™ sensors are tolerant to dust contamination on the sensor rod (unlike Triboelectric systems) due to the non-contact measurement principle, however, build-up of conductive material across the insulator at the base of the rod can lead to error (as with all Probe Electrification systems).

The Probe Check (Insulator Short-Circuit Check) provides a reliable method for detecting insulator contamination, and hence improved Quality Assurance.

The probe check tests for contamination between the sensor rod and the base of the rod. If the Probe Check fails then the probe should be inspected and cleaned, as interference to the dust signal is likely. The probe check can be configured to be activated manually or run automatically.

Electronic Zero and Reference drift detection

Electronic and signal measurement malfunctions are detected. This Quality Assurance feature is required by European and ASTM (US) performance standards for Filter Leak monitors.

The Zero Self-Check tests that the electronics read zero when no external signal is present and hence checks for electronic drift.

The internal Reference Self-Check (Span or Upscale Check) tests the correct electronic response to a known input signal. The signal is applied directly to the sensor so any malfunctions in the sensor, cabling or Control Unit are detected (unlike other Triboelectric systems).
**Sensor**

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<td>Wide dynamic range</td>
<td>Low dust levels are monitored accurately without compromising the accuracy of measurements of large spikes in dust levels (e.g. from bag cleaning pulses) by using state of the art Digital Signal Processing (DSP).</td>
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<td>Probe Check (Insulator Short-Circuit Check)</td>
<td>If contamination of the sensor’s insulator occurs with conductive material or moisture, it is rapidly detected and an alarm signal is triggered so corrective maintenance work can be carried out. This ensures correct operation of the sensor. This unique feature minimises false alarms and maintenance requirements.</td>
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<td>Electronic Zero and internal Reference drift checks</td>
<td>The measurement accuracy and operation of the electronics are checked directly at the sensor. Any electronic malfunctions are detected and an alarm signal is triggered. This QA feature is required by European and US (ASTM) performance standards for Filter Leak Monitors as required by EN15859 and D7392-07.</td>
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<td>Rugged sensor options</td>
<td>Alternative versions of the sensor probe can be used in challenging stack environments e.g. high humidity, temperatures up to 400°C, corrosive and hazardous (ATEX) applications.</td>
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<td>Floating nut stack connection</td>
<td>Quick and straightforward installation and removal of the sensor from the stack without the need to rotate the sensor, or use specialised stack connections, or remove the cables from the sensor.</td>
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<td>Separate Control Unit</td>
<td>Convenient sensor set-up and display away from stack or duct (up to 500m using standard cabling).</td>
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<td>Digital communications between sensor and control unit (DSP)</td>
<td>Improved immunity to noise with no need for special connection cable (e.g. coax).</td>
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<td>Scaling Factor</td>
<td>Data via control unit’s display or through the 4-20mA outputs can be either 0-100% alarm level or be scaled via results from isokinetic emission tests to give mg/m³ readings.</td>
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<td>Control Unit Bag Pulse Display</td>
<td>The Bag Pulse Display allows users to locate failing rows of filter media through visual identification of the emission profile created when on-line reverse-jet pulse cleaning systems are used.</td>
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**Filter Cleaning “Pulse Display” Options**

The LEAK ALERT 65-02 supports two methods of displaying the analysis of the dust pulses associated with the bag cleaning cycle: Bag Pulse Display on the controller and PC-ME Dust Tools Software. This permits the early detection of leaking and broken bags (for Pulse Jet cleaning systems) and easy visual identification of specific failing bag rows (Leak Locate capability).

The main benefits of monitoring the filter media cleaning sequences via the display or software options are:

- Scheduled maintenance
- Reduced maintenance times
- Lower labour cost
- Reduction of spare filter inventories
- Decreased filter media consumption
- Decreased process downtime
- Reduced environmental emissions due to better filter control

![Bagfilter cleaning pulses displayed using PC-ME Dust Tools Software](image1.png)

![Bagfilter cleaning pulses using the Bag Pulse display on the Control Unit](image2.png)
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