

# SAF'IR™ EVOLUTION

## EVIDENTIAL ANALYSER



Instruction manual

SAF'IR EVOLUTION  
PORTABLE ETHYLOMETRE CERTIFIED  
ACCORDING TO THE **OIML R 126**

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The SAF'IR EVOLUTION is a portable ethylometre that is certified according to the International Recommendation R.126 of the International Organization of Legal Metrology concerning ethylometres, 1998 Edition.

The SAF'IR EVOLUTION measures the concentration of ethanol in exhaled breath. Numerous studies carried out worldwide have shown that the ratio of blood alcohol concentration (BAC) to exhaled alveolar breath alcohol concentration (BrAC) is a constant.

The SAF'IR EVOLUTION is a self-contained, portable instrument that may be used either indoors or outdoors. The results of the tests present evidential accuracy and the printed confirmation may be used in court, according to the local regulations.

Terms used in this manual:

**BrAC** = breath alcohol concentration

**BAC** = blood alcohol concentration

**Legal limit** = set according to each country's local regulations

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## SAFETY AND PRECAUTIONS

Take the following precautions to ensure smooth and uninterrupted use of the SAF'IR EVOLUTION:

- Use this device for its intended purpose only
- Do not open the SAF'IR EVOLUTION's case or the printer (when provided). Doing so will void the warranty and may also damage the internal components
- Follow the instructions displayed on the front label of the device prior to taking a test

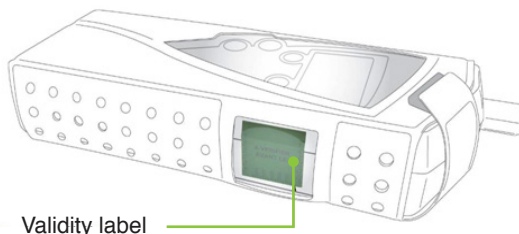
***NOTE: If the subject undergoing the test has ingested alcohol recently, some trace amounts may reside in the upper respiratory tract, causing a misleading result. The SAF'IR EVOLUTION is designed to detect mouth alcohol and displays a cycle error message in such a case.***

- Use a new mouthpiece for each test
- It is also advisable to use the SAF'IR EVOLUTION with the provided pouch



## VALIDITY LABEL

The validity label confirms that the initial or periodic verification has been performed by an authorized laboratory and notes the verification expiry date. The label is placed on the right side of the instrument and is to be removed only at an authorized laboratory. No measurement should be carried out if the validity period has expired.



## SEAL

The seal affixed to the back of the instrument warrants the proper working order of the instrument and may be removed only by an authorized agency. No measurement should be carried out if the seal is missing or damaged.



# USING THE SAF'IR EVOLUTION

## FIRST USE

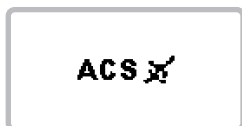
Ensure that the battery is fully charged before using the device for the first time.

Use the AC adapter provided to recharge the battery, as shown below:



## POWER UP SEQUENCE

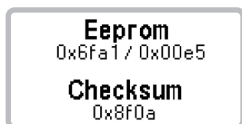
Press the start button 



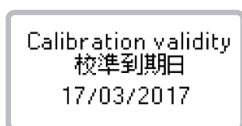
The screen illuminates and displays the ACS logo.



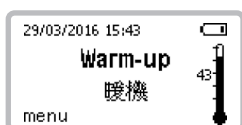
The name of the device and version number are displayed.



The application initializes.



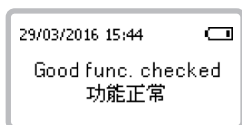
The calibration validity and last verification date are displayed.



The measuring chamber warms up.



The operational check cycle is completed.



The internal check is confirmed.



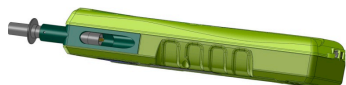
The device beeps and **Ready** is displayed.

## INSERTING THE MOUTHPIECE

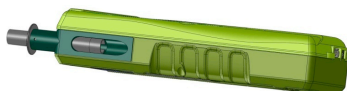
When the instrument is ready for a test, remove a new mouthpiece from its wrapper and insert it as shown below:



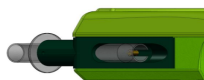
Insert the mouthpiece into the sampling port on the upper left part of the device.



Slide the mouthpiece into place and turn it slightly, if necessary.



Push the mouthpiece in full lock.



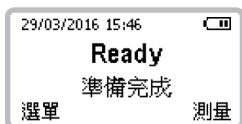
The mouthpiece should fit in the notch.

Each test requires a new mouthpiece. Change the mouthpiece for each subsequent retest.

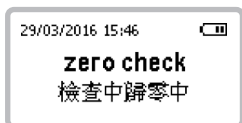
**1 MOUTHPIECE = 1 TEST**

## TEST

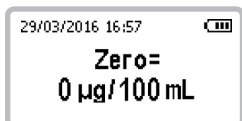
To begin a test cycle, ensure that the printer you are using is on and that the display reads **Ready**.



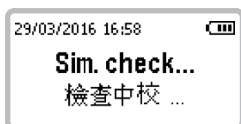
Press the start button  to select **meas.** to begin a breath test.



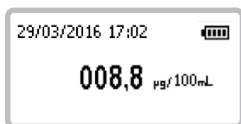
The sampling pump activates to purge the measuring chamber.



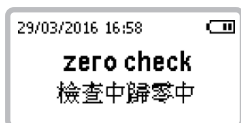
The base line is measured.



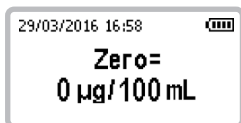
The device simulated absorption at a concentration close to the selected limit.



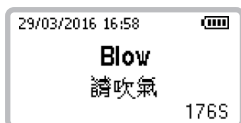
The value is measured.



The sampling pump activates to purge the measuring chamber.



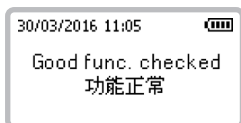
The base line is measured.



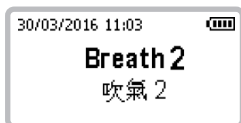
A countdown and **Blow** will be displayed. Blow into the mouthpiece with sufficient flow until the tone ends.



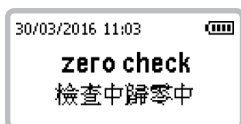
The operational check cycle is completed.



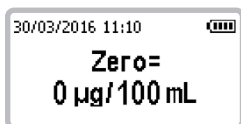
The internal check is confirmed. The test is valid.



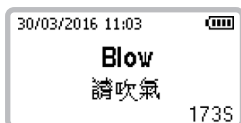
The device will beep and begin the next cycle for the second breath test.



The sampling pump activates to purge the measuring chamber.



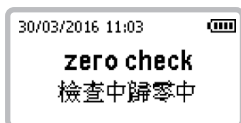
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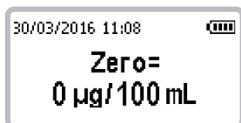
A countdown and **Blow** will be displayed. Blow into the mouthpiece with sufficient flow until the tone ends.



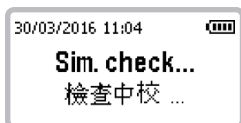
The operational check cycle is completed.



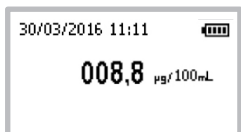
The sampling pump activates to purge the measuring chamber.



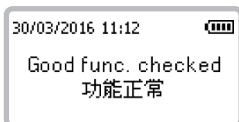
The base line is measured.



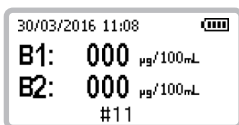
The device simulates absorption at a concentration close to the selected limit.



The value is measured.



The internal check is confirmed. The test is valid.



The results are within the range of tolerance.

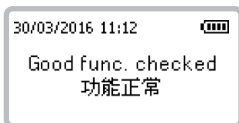
The results are displayed and recorded.  
Press the start button  to exit the screen.

## NOTES

After each measurement, the SAF'IR EVOLUTION checks internal components and the validity of the measurement cycle.

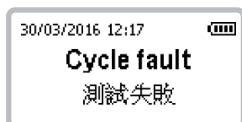



If the breath sample is validated, proper functioning of the instrument is verified.

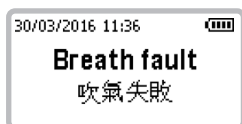


The internal check is confirmed. The test is valid.

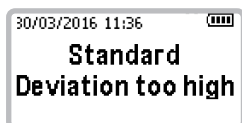
The test cycle will be cancelled if:



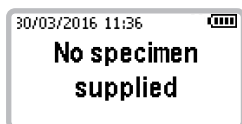
A sufficient breath sample was not provided. You must restart the cycle by pressing the start button  to select **retry**.



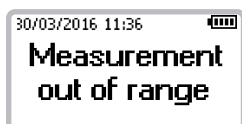
The breath sample was unacceptable.



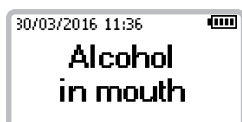
The deviation between the breath sample and the preset limit is too high.



A breath sample was not provided within the time allotted. Wait a few seconds for the test cycle to restart.



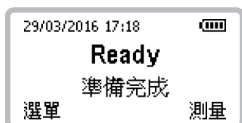
The alcohol concentration measured exceeds the instrument's operating range.



Trace amounts of alcohol is detected in the mouth.



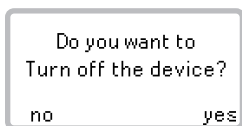
## TURNING OFF



Press the green button  to select **menu**.



Press the start button  to select **ok**.



Press the start button  to select **yes**.

**NOTE:** You can also turn the device off at any time by pressing and holding the start button.

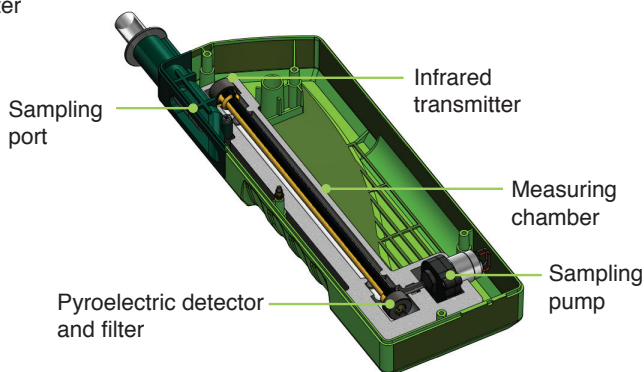
The device will shut off automatically if it is inactive for 30 minutes and is not currently in the Main Menu.

## MEASUREMENT PRINCIPLE

The SAF'IR EVOLUTION uses infrared technology to measure the absorption of monochromatic light by the ethanol molecule. The absorption value is directly proportional to the alcohol concentration, which is used to calculate the BrAC in the breath sample provided.

As soon as the exhalation reaches the minimum flow required, the sampling pump activates. Air exhaled through the mouthpiece is then sampled in the measuring system, which consists of a:

- Infrared transmitter
- Pyroelectric detector
- Infrared filter




## MONITORING EXHALATION FLOW

A flow pressure sensor, connected to the sampling port, monitors exhaled air pressure. A tone is heard when the flow reaches 7.5 hPa. The tone then stops when the required volume of breath is delivered.

## STANDBY MODE

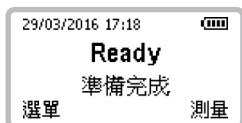


The **Standby** screen is displayed when the device is switched off and connected to a main power supply. The device can be turned on at any time while connected to a main power supply by pressing the start button .

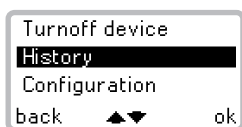
# MENU OPTIONS




## RECALLING A TEST RESULT

The SAF'IR EVOLUTION stores the results of the tests it performs, which may be recalled at any time.

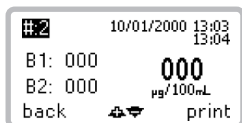




Press the green button  to select **menu**.

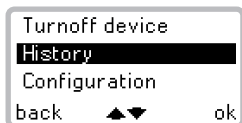


In the menu screen, scroll through the options by pressing the *up* and *down* buttons   to select **History**. Press the start button  to confirm the selection.


**NOTE: Other values are only accessible in Verification Mode with a password. Only the last result is accessible and can be printed again during normal use.**



Press the *up* and *down* buttons   to scroll through the measurement history.

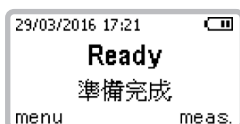


Press the green button  to select **back** and return to the previous screen.

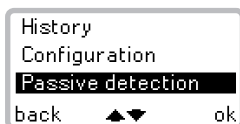
Continue to press the green button  to return to the test screen.




## PASSIVE DETECTION

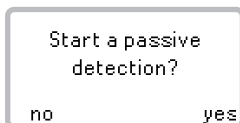
For passive testing, simply hold the SAF'IR EVOLUTION and point the opening on the left side of the sampling port towards the mouth of the subject being tested (no mouthpiece is required). This feature may also be used to test beverages or the ambient environment that potentially contains alcohol.



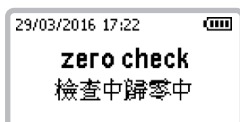
Press the green button  to select **menu**.



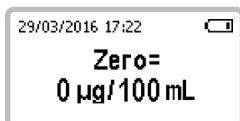
In the **menu** screen, scroll through the options by pressing the *up* and *down* buttons   to select **Passive detection**. Press the start button  to confirm the selection.



Press the start button  to select **yes**.

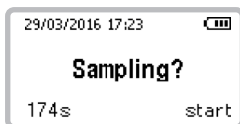



The sampling pump activates to clean the measuring chamber.

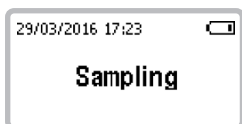


The base line is measured.

At this point, place the SAF'IR EVOLUTION with the sampling port pointing towards the subject.



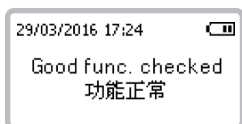
A countdown and **Sampling?** will be displayed. Press the start button  to select **start**.



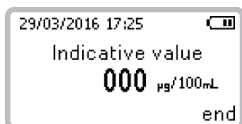
A loud tone will be heard as the device collects a passive air sample.




The operational check cycle is completed.



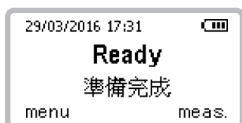
The internal check is confirmed. The test is valid.



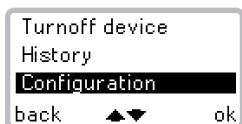
The indicative result is displayed. Press the start button  to select end.




## MENU CONFIGURATION

Some parameters may be adjusted by the operator.



Press the green button  to select **menu**.






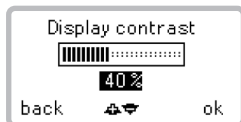
In the **menu** screen, scroll through the options by pressing the *up* and *down* buttons   to select **Configuration**. Press the start button  to confirm the selection.




The **Configuration** menu allows several adjustments:

### DISPLAY CONTRAST

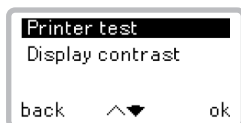





In the **Configuration** menu, scroll through the options by pressing the *up* and *down* buttons   to select **Display contrast**. Press the start button  to confirm the selection.

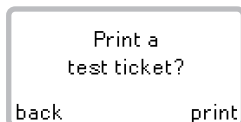


Press *up* and *down* buttons   to select contrast. To exit, press the green button  to select **back**.

### PRINTER TEST



In the **Configuration** menu, scroll through the options by pressing the *up* and *down* buttons   to select **Printer test**. Press the start button  to confirm the selection.



Press the start button  to print the test ticket or the green button  to select **back** and exit.

## PRINTING THE RESULTS

An optional printer can be purchased to print the BAC results on site. This rechargeable battery operated printer connects to the SAF'IR EVOLUTION using a cable or a Bluetooth wireless connection. The printer kit includes:

- Portable printer
- Paper roll
- Power adapter
- Battery pack
- Rubber case

## **INSTALLING THE PRINTER BATTERY**

Before using the printer for the first time:

1. Remove it from the rubber case.
2. Open the battery compartment located in the bottom of the printer.
3. Remove the yellow plastic label from the battery pack/printer.
4. Reinstall the battery and the rubber case.

## **CHARGING THE PRINTER BATTERY**

1. Connect the printer to the power adapter provided.
2. Plug the power adapter to the main power supply.

The red LED indicates that the battery is being charged. The LED will turn off when the battery is full.




**NOTE: Make sure the yellow plastic label is removed from the battery compartment prior to charging.**

## **LOADING THE PAPER ROLL**





1. Remove the printer from the rubber case and open the printer's top cover.
2. Insert the shaft into the new paper roll and place the roll in the paper compartment.
3. Feed enough paper into the slot and close the top cover.

**NOTE: Contact the dealer or ACS directly to order paper rolls for the printer.**

## **PRINTER LED STATUS CODE**

	Constantly lit	The Bluetooth module is available
	Flashing	Data transaction via Bluetooth
	Constantly lit	Power on, normal status
	Flashing	Data transaction via USB
	Constantly lit	Charging
	Flashing intermittently with blue LED	Error (see Error codes below)
	Off	The battery is fully charged

## PRINTER LED ERROR CODE

INDICATOR	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
	Out of paper	Replace the paper roll
	The top cover is open	Close the top cover
	Transmission error	Check the transmission status
	Print head has overheated	Wait until the print head cools down
	The battery is too low	Recharge the battery

# FUNCTIONING

## OPERATING ICONS



Indicates the current battery level or that the device is being charged. The icon flashes when the battery level is too low.



Indicates that the SAF'IR EVOLUTION has just been connected to a main power source. The battery is charging.



Indicates that the battery is fully charged.



Indicates that the SAF'IR EVOLUTION is connected to the data transfer port.



Indicates that the measuring chamber is warming up.



Indicates that the SAF'IR EVOLUTION is in standby mode.



Indicates that the SAF'IR EVOLUTION is in laboratory mode.



Indicates that the breath alcohol concentration (BrAC) level measured is equal or above the legal limit.



Indicates that the BrAC level measured is below the legal limit.






The *up* button  is used to scroll up the list.



The *down* button  is used to scroll down the list.



Indicates that the *up* button  is inactive.



Indicates that the *down* button  is inactive.



Indicates that the *up* button  allows increments.



Indicates that the *down* button  allows decrement.

## ACCESSORIES

The SAF'IR EVOLUTION is delivered with the following accessories:

- Carrying case
- Handstrap
- AC adapter
- Protective pouch
- Quick guide for operation
- Mouthpieces
- Cigarette lighter adapter
- Portable printer (optional) – features cable or Bluetooth wireless connection

## REPLACEMENT PARTS

Contact the dealer or ACS directly to order replacement parts. Use the part numbers provided below:

- SAF'IR mouthpieces - bag of 25, ACS #95-000255
- Printer paper roll, ACS #59-200032

# **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

## **STORAGE CONDITIONS**

The SAF'IR EVOLUTION must be stored between -25 and 70 °C, preferably in a dry place.

## **OPERATING TEMPERATURE**

The SAF'IR EVOLUTION is designed to operate between -10 and 50 °C.

## **PERIODIC INSPECTIONS**

The SAF'IR EVOLUTION must be calibrated and verified every 28 days. Failure to do so will result in a lockout. Contact your dealer or ACS for calibration.

## **BATTERY LIFE**

The SAF'IR EVOLUTION is equipped with a rechargeable nickel metal hydride battery pack (NiMH), which may only be replaced by an authorized repair facility. Depending on the ambient temperature, approximately 300 tests can be performed before recharging the battery.

## **WARM-UP TIME**

The warm-up time of the measuring chamber is from 1 to 5 minutes, depending on the ambient temperature.

## SIZE AND WEIGHT

Weight: 600 grams

Length x Height x Width: 85 mm x 260 mm x 46 mm

## MEASURING RANGE

The SAF'IR EVOLUTION is designed to measure concentrations between 0.00  $\mu\text{g}/100\text{ mL}$  and 300  $\mu\text{g}/100\text{ mL}$  of alcohol in exhaled air, using a 1  $\mu\text{g}/100\text{ mL}$  scale.

## RESULTS

Based on local regulations, the SAF'IR EVOLUTION is set to indicate whether the BrAC value is considered positive (above the legal limit) or negative (no alcohol detected or below the legal limit).

The measurement unit is set at the factory and is available in the following formats:

IN BREATH	IN BLOOD
$\mu\text{g}/100\text{ mL}$	mg/dL
$\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$	g/dL
mg/L	g/L

## DATE AND TIME FORMAT

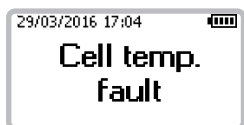
The date and time format is set at the factory and selected according to the standard of the country where the instrument is to be used.

# TROUBLESHOOTING

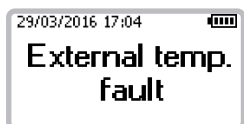
## ERROR MESSAGES



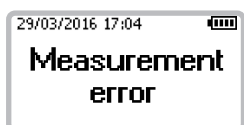
The battery needs to be recharged.



The infrared cell temperature is not within the scope of tolerance. The heat system detection has failed. Contact ACS or a certified service provider.



The external temperature is not within the certified range of the device (-10 to 50 °C).



The signal is unstable and could be susceptible to punctual interference. Contact ACS or a certified service provider if the message persists.

## WARRANTY

All ACS products are warranted to be free of defects in workmanship and materials for a period of one year from the date of shipment.

ACS agrees to replace or repair any defective unit, provided the defect was not caused by misuse or mishandling.

Any unit being returned for warranty repair must be properly packaged and shipped prepaid to the authorized dealer's facility.

## MAINTENANCE

To clean the SAF'IR EVOLUTION, disconnect all cables and turn it off. Use a soft, lint-free and slightly damp cloth to clean the instrument. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents. Prevent moisture from entering the instrument.

## RECYCLING

The SAF'IR EVOLUTION contains electronic components and a battery. It must therefore be disposed of separately from household refuse. For more information about disposal and recycling options, contact your local authorities or send the SAF'IR EVOLUTION back to Alcohol Countermeasure Systems.

The mouthpieces used for the SAF'IR EVOLUTION are made of recyclable plastic. After the tests, mouthpieces should be disposed according to the local waste management regulations for recyclable materials.

## ACS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

In an effort to reduce its ecological footprint, Alcohol Countermeasure Systems has ecodesigned the SAF'IR EVOLUTION to limit the consumption of natural resources and optimize the impact on both the environment and human health throughout its life cycle.

**REDUCTION OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION:** The SAF'IR EVOLUTION uses 15 times less energy than the previous generation of evidential breath analyzers, thanks to optimized management.

**USE OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS:** Compliance with the EU RoHS Directive relating to limitations on the use of certain hazardous substances, such as lead, mercury, cadmium and hexavalent chromium, as well as polybrominated biphenyl (PBB) and polybrominated diphenyl ether (PBDE) flame retardants, in electrical and electronic equipment.

**PREVENTION OF WASTE:** Reduction in the number of components and tooling to reduce waste generation. Reduction in packaging by using the case for carrying. Reduction in overall dimensions compared to the previous generation of evidential breath analyzers.





