**TESTER INFORMATION**

- **Part Number:** AM-9425
- **Membrane Size:** 19 mm & 25 mm D.O. Sensors
- **Syringe Size:** 10 cc
- **Syringe Tip:** Luer Lock

**Troubleshooting:***

**Step 1.** Inspect the outer surface of the polymer membrane for any visible scratch, scar, or abrasion.

**Step 2.** Install nose piece onto luer lock of syringe.

**Step 3.** Extract plunger to the “ready” position as shown.

**Step 4.** Insert nose piece into D.I. water for lubrication.

**Step 5.** Install membrane cartridge onto nose piece.

**Step 6.** Slowly apply pressure to membrane cartridge with the plunger until the bladder slightly protrudes from the thumb and forefinger slots as shown below. Caution - do not apply excessive pressure!

**NOTE:** Observe appearance and position of the membrane cartridge bladder before applying plunger pressure and then after applying the correct pressure with the plunger.
**SUMMARY:**

1. Remove the membrane cartridge from its storage vial or from the dissolved oxygen sensor. Be careful not to scratch or abrade the polymer membrane portion of the cartridge.

2. Visually inspect the polymer membrane outer surface area for any scratches, scars, abrasions or tears. See Fig. 1.

3. Install the nose piece onto the syringe and extract the plunger of the membrane tester to the "ready" position as shown in Fig. 2.

4. Insert the tip of the membrane tester into D.I. water to lubricate it before installing the membrane cartridge as shown in Fig. 3. Avoid excessive force.

5. Slowly compress the plunger until the membrane cartridge bladder slightly protrudes from the thumb and forefinger slots of the cartridge housing as shown in Fig. 4.

6. Place membrane tester with the membrane cartridge into a beaker of D.I. water as shown in Fig. 5. Observe for the presence of air bubbles representing either a rapid leak or slow leak as shown in Fig. 6.

**NOTES:**

- A good membrane cartridge will not have any signs of air bubble generation during this test.
- Replace a cartridge with any signs of air leakage, whether flowing from or clinging to the surface of the polymer membrane.
- New membrane cartridges should always be kept in their individual storage vials until required for service. Avoid unnecessary handling.
- A used membrane cartridge installed on a dissolved oxygen sensor should be protected during nonuse.

**PURPOSE FOR TEST:**

1. D.O. sensor membrane cartridges contain a Oxygen permeable polymer membrane which is liquid impermeable.

2. Improper storage or accidental handling of the D.O. sensor or its membrane cartridge can damage the polymer membrane.

3. A hairline scratch, slight abrasion, or tear of any type of the polymer membrane, even though not visible to the naked eye, may render the membrane cartridge inoperable.

4. Prior to use, a membrane cartridge should be tested for its liquid tight integrity.

**PRESSURE TEST PROCEDURES:**

1. Insert membrane tester with membrane cartridge into a beaker of D.I. water. Make certain that the front of the membrane cartridge is completely submerged.

2. While maintaining a slight pressure on the plunger to keep the bladder extended as shown in Fig. 4, slowly rotate the test assembly in the water.

3. Look for any signs of air bubbles which indicate a damaged membrane or bladder. Refer to Fig. 6 for typical examples of air leaks found when the membrane has been damaged.

- A good membrane will not permit any air to escape from the membrane cartridge when this test is properly applied.

**Step 7.**

Follow the simple procedures shown below:

**Example 1:** Rapid leak, visible air bubbles escaping through polymer membrane.

**Example 2:** Slow leak, air bubble(s) attached to surface of polymer membrane, and reappear when wiped off.