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X-Ray Leakage Measurement



System for radiation leakage measurements of diagnostic X-ray installations

# XLS X-Ray Leakage System

### Construction and functionality of a X-ray leakage system

Manufacturers of diagnostic X-ray Tubes must ensure that the leakage radiation emitted by the tube outside the useful beam does not exceed certain levels provided by law or by standards such as IEC 60601-1-3.

A very beneficial way to fulfill these requirements is to measure the amount of leakage radiation emmitted by an X-ray tube by arranging a sufficient number of sensitive ionization chambers on a semicircular arch of 1m radius as it is done with the XLS X-ray leakage system.

The X-ray tube to be tested is positionied on a rotatable table in the center of the semicircular arch. The table with the X-ray tube mounted on it is continuously rotated by 360°, while the leakage detection system monitors the dose rates of all detectors and records the radiation levels of the entire hemisphere around the X-ray tube. After the 360° rotation, a complete hemisphere around the X-ray tube has been checked in less than two minutes.

The XLS Measuring unit measures dose and dose rate or charge and current of all 18 chambers simultaneously. The maximum and minimum measuring results are displayed together with the channel numbers.

The chamber calibration factors are stored in the device and can be read and modified via interface. The rectangular plane-parallel XLS ionization chamber is used for the XLS X-ray leakage system. The central electrode has an active area of 20 cm x 5 cm. The chamber response is approx. 10  $\mu$ C/Gy.

PTW can provide customized solutions including measuring unit, ionization chambers, connection cables, rotation unit, C-arc and software.

Eight years ago, we replaced our old systems with two systems from PTW. This made it possible for us to digitize the documentation of our production.

With the system, we also achieved an improvement in the development of new X-ray tubes because we get a measured value for every angle and can thus better detect leaks in development and production and take appropriate measures to seal them.

X-ray leakage system customer, Germany



### Highlights

- Turnkey solutions and long term support
- First-hand know-how from one source
- Measures dose and dose rate at 18 locations around diagnostic X-ray tubes simultaneously
- Allows arrangement of the chambers on a semicircular arch of 1 m radius

### Software

- Full software control provides you a maximum of efficiency and time savings
- Ideal for documenting the test objects
- Supports the creation of test reports
- Digital signature, no signature required



- High sensitivity and excellent long-term stability
- You get comprehensive advice, a worked out customized solution according to IEC 60601-1-3 and support from planning to operation startup and training on site
- Easy re-calibration of the system
- Easy selection of the test object via barcode
- > All documentation securely stored in one database
- Control of the entire work flow
- Generator support (optional)







#### System for 360° testing in one shot for mono block tubes

- > Space-saving system that fits in every production
- Adapter for different test items

#### Testing of high performance tubes

- > Perfect system for CT tubes and X-ray tubes with external cooling
- Complete test of the test object with one rotation





#### Small system ideal for collimator tests

- Integrated X-ray tube
- Easy change of the location in the production area
- Compact and very stable design
- Little need for space

#### Ergonomic handling at working height

#### For special space conditions

- Low height and light weight
- No change of tubes on the test system
- Dock directly from the cart

## **Technical Specifications**

#### X-ray leakage system

#### Ionization chamber type 34055

Power supply	115 V / 230 V, (5060) Hz, 10 A	Chamber type Power supply	Flat chamber with central-electrode
Software: Client	Windows 10, 2x RS232 inter- face, Internet connection, Intel i5-core 2GHz, 4GB RAM, 1GB free SDD space	Measuring quantities	Air kerma, air kerma rate
		Radiation quality Reference quality	N100
Software: Server	Windows 10 or Linux, proces- sor min. 1 core, 4GB RAM, 10GB free SSD space	Measuring volume	300 cm³
		Response	Approx. 14.4 µC/Gy
		Leakage current	≤ ± 10 fA
Software: Database	MS SQL Server 2017 or Leak- SoftDB (hosted by external partner)	Maximum dose rate at con- tinous radiation (99.9% satu- ration)	13.2 mGy/s
Dimension of smallest XLS solution	Ø 2350 mm, height 1050 mm	Maximum dose per irradiation pulse (99.9% saturation)	32.9 µGy
Dimension of standard XLS	L 2150 mm, H 2700 mm, W 1620 mm	Ion collection time at 400V	3.8 ms
		Polarity effect	≤ 1 %
Electrometer		Directional dependence	$\leq \pm 3$ % for tilting up to $\pm 10^{\circ}$ around the chamber axis $\leq \pm 3$ % for tilting up to $\pm 10^{\circ}$ perpendicular the chamber axis
Measuring quantities and units	Dose [Gy]; dose rate [Gy/h] [Gy/min] [Gy/s] charge [C]; current [A]	Energy dependence	≤ ± 10 (50 150) kV
		Stabilization time	The differnce between the response after 15 minutes and the response after 30, 45 minutes and 1 hour is less than $\pm$ 1 %.
Electrical safety class	IEC 60601-1		
Settling time	< 2 s		
Accuracy of currrent and charge measurement	<±1%	Post irradiation leakage	After irradiation signal drop to < 1 % in 10 s
Long-term stability	< ± 1% per year		
Linearity	<±1%		

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Accuracy of current

measurement

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