

Making ISO Cleanroom Certification Easy with Kanomax Particle Counters



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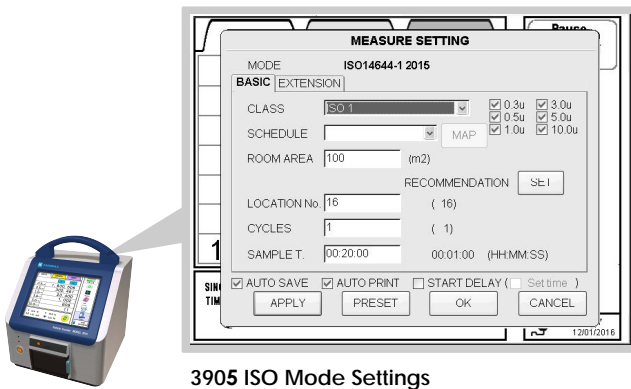
Application Note

This article is a brief look at how the Kanomax Particle Counters can simplify the job of certifying your ISO class cleanroom.

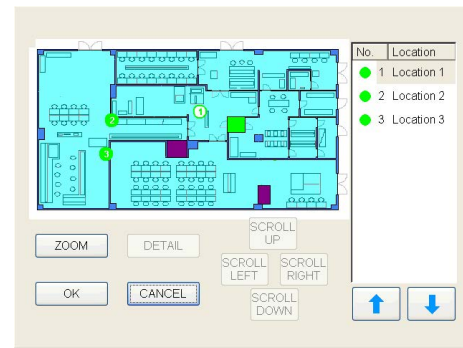
The ISO procedure can be broken down into 7 basic steps to certify a cleanroom. Let's take a look at these steps and then we'll go over how the features of Kanomax particle counters can help you with the job.

Step 1: Calculating the number of locations

The portable particle counter 3905, 3910, and 3920 have a Standard mode that allows you to enter the area of the room in cubic meters. Once this is done the instrument will indicate how many points need to be measured. You can still adjust the number of points manually if desired, but if you are following the ISO standard the instrument does the calculation for you.



3905 ISO Mode Settings



Example of a map uploaded to the 3905

Summary of Seven Steps to Cleanroom Certification:

- 1) Determine the number of locations that need to be sampled based on the cleanroom size.
- 2) Determine the particle sizes to be measured, max concentrations allowed and the minimum sampling volume at each location.
- 3) Measure the particles at each sampling location.
- 4) If you are performing multiple samples at each location take the average from each location.
- 5) Take an average of the measurements from all the locations.
- 6) Determine if the cleanroom passed or failed by comparing the measurements to the maximum particles per cubic meter as shown on the ISO table.

Step 2: Determine particle size, max. concentration and minimum sampling volume.

The cleanroom certifier will need to determine these numbers per the ISO procedure. It's important to note the flow rate of the 3888 and 3889 is 2.83 LPM, the 3905 is 28.3 LPM, the 3910 is 50.0 LPM, and the 3920 is 100 LPM. If you will be certifying multiple cleanrooms and typically need to samples a high volume of air then the 3910 or 3920 is a better choice with its higher sampling rate. The 3888 is the perfect tool for smaller air samples. Both instruments can be programmed to sample for a specified length of time making it easy to sample precise volumes of airflow.

Kanomax particle counters have the following flow rates:

Particle Counter Model #	Flow Rate
3889 Handheld	2.83 L/min
3888 Handheld	2.83 L/min
3905 Portable	28.3 L/min
3910 Portable	50.0 L/min
3920 Portable	100.0 L/min

Step 3: Measure particles at each location.

The 3888/3889 has an ISO mode that will allow you to program it with the number of sample points and sample duration needed to certify the cleanroom. The 3905, 3910, and 3920 have a similar mode called Standard mode that includes a configurable setup to certify ISO (as well as other standards such as EU GMP). You can even upload a map of your cleanroom and specify the measuring locations on it in the instrument.

Step 4 and 5: Average the measurements taken at each location, then average the final results from all locations.

Both instruments will automatically calculate the averages for you. These steps are essentially eliminated from your workload.

Step 6: Determine if the cleanroom passed.

You can determine if the cleanroom passed or failed by comparing the measurement to the maximum particle concentration allowed as shown on the ISO table. The 3905, 3910, and 3920 are programmed with the ISO standards and will tell you on the spot if your cleanroom has passed or failed. With its built-in printer it can even issue an on-the-spot report.



50LPM Portable Particle Counter Model 3910

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