Non-invasive breath analysis for the detection of gastrointestinal disorders with the Gastrolyzer® range

Helping to detect gastrointestinal disorders, one breath at a time.

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**Hydrogen Breath Testing (HBT)**

HBT is a non-invasive, and specific means of diagnosing small bowel sugar malabsorption. HBT makes use of gut bacteria’s ability to digest sugars and convert these to hydrogen, which is then absorbed into the blood and can be measured in exhaled breath\(^1\).

The test is commonly used in paediatric and adult gastroenterology departments to diagnose malabsorption of the sugars lactose, fructose and sucrose. It is also used to investigate small intestinal bacterial overgrowth (SIBO)\(^2\).

The Gastrolyzer™ range is world renowned for delivering accurate hydrogen breath testing, cited by clinical leaders in gastroenterology, such as Robert Heuschkel\(^3\) and Way Seah Lee\(^4\).
The role of Methane alongside Hydrogen Breath Testing (HMBT)

A percentage of patients do not produce hydrogen and therefore would not be diagnosed by the use of HBT alone. The role of GastroCH₄-ECK® is to ensure that patients who are non-hydrogen producers, but produce methane or a combination of both, are not misdiagnosed.

Medical literature shows that the level of methane producers varies by gender and population group, from approximately 33-41%⁵,⁶,⁷.”

How H₂ & CH₄ is produced
Portable breath hydrogen monitoring to help diagnose gastrointestinal disorders.

Aids in the detection of:
- Food intolerances
- Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS)
- Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO)

FREE GastroCHART™ software

Ideal for:
- Gastroenterologists
- Gastro paediatricians
- Dieticians
- GP’s
- Endoscopy departments
The easy to use, complete breath hydrogen monitor with 2 sampling modes.

**Face mask sampling system**

This sampling system is recommended for use with younger or older patients who are unable to cooperate with the test. The Gastro™ is attached to a face mask, which is then placed over the mouth and nose of the patient. Once ‘face mask’ mode is selected, the Gastro™ will take a real-time reading until the result stabilises. The reading is then held on the screen and can then be saved to a patient profile, downloaded to the GastroCHART™ database or recorded manually.

**Mouthpiece sampling system**

This sampling system is recommended for use with adults or patients able to hold their breath for a short period of time. The patient takes a deep breath in, holds, then exhales slowly through a mouthpiece. Within 45 seconds their result will be displayed on the screen and can then be saved to a patient profile, downloaded to the GastroCHART™ database or recorded manually.
Features and benefits

- Brand new, easy to use interface
- Maintenance reminders
- Only needs calibrating quarterly
- Create and store patient details
- Multiple patient testing
- Built in testing protocols with built in countdown timer
- Large touchscreen
- SteriTouch® technology for improved infection control
- Comes with GastroCHART™ software

Technical specification:

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<th>Feature</th>
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<td>Display</td>
<td>Full colour touchscreen</td>
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<td>Detection principle</td>
<td>Electrochemical sensor</td>
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<td>&lt;5%</td>
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<td>Accuracy</td>
<td>±10%</td>
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| Materials                            | Case: polycarbonate/ABS blend  
SteriTouch® anti-microbial additive  
D-piece<sup>TM</sup>: polypropylene  
SteriBreath<sup>TM</sup>: polypropylene  
OneBreath Mouthpiece: polypropylene |
| CO cross interference                | <1%                                                                           |
Consumables

**SteriBreath™ mouthpieces:** SteriBreath™ mouthpieces are both cost effective and compact. They are individually sealed for optimum infection control, whilst condensation in the tube confirms an accurate breath sample.

**Order code:** STERIBREATH-MP (250 per box)

**D-piece™:** The D-piece™ is used to attach a SteriBreath™ mouthpiece to the monitor. The D-piece™ incorporates a one-way valve and an infection control filter, which are proven to remove and trap >99% of airborne bacteria and >96% of viruses. The D-piece™ should be changed every four weeks, an automatic reminder will appear on the screen every 28 days.

**Order code:** D-PIECE-3 (12 per box)

**OneBreath™ mouthpieces:** The OneBreath™ mouthpiece is a single-use bacterial filter mouthpiece and can be attached directly to the monitor to take a breath sample. The OneBreath™ incorporates a one-way valve and an infection control filter, which are proven to remove and trap >99.9% of airborne bacteria and <96% of viruses.

**Order code:** ONEBREATH-MP (250 per box)

**Face mask sampling system:** This sampling system is single patent use and allows the patient to breathe normally through a face mask in order to produce a breath sample.

**Order code:** ISSA-V (1 sampling kit)

**Infant face mask**
Suitable for use with infants. **Order code:** EC60-IM-V

**Medium face mask**
Suitable for use with adolescent. **Order code:** EC60-MM-V

**Adult face mask**
Suitable for use with adults. **Order code:** EC60-AM-V

**Monitor cleaning wipes:** Free from alcohol to ensure continued performance of your monitor. Products containing alcohol cannot be used on any of the Gastrolyzer® range.

**Order code:** WIPE-V (pack of 50)

**Calibration kit:** The Gastro™ requires calibration quarterly using 100ppm H₂ gas, provided as a kit or replacement cylinder.

**Order code:** 012-14-12010K-V (kit)
012-14-12010-V (replacement cylinder)
GastroCH₄ECK® Gastrolyzer® features

Accurate and real-time combined CH₄, H₂, and O₂ monitoring.

- **Direct line breath sampling** for instant results
- **Full-colour touchscreen** for an intuitive interface
- **Breath bag sampling** for simultaneous test of larger groups
- **Rubber grip feet** to support the weight of the monitor and 2 smaller back feet, making it easier to view the screen

For more information on this product call us now on 01622 851122 or email ask@bedfont.com
Hydrogen and methane monitoring to aid in the diagnosis of gastrointestinal disorders.

The GastroCH$_4$ECK* is a portable breath CH$_4$, H$_2$ and O$_2$ monitor, which allows health professionals to accurately detect a range of gastrointestinal disorders. An O$_2$ reading is taken to motivate patients to provide an end-tidal sample. If the sample is not adequate the GastroCH$_4$ECK* will automatically correct the reading saving the patient from embarrassment and eliminates the need to carry out another test.

Applications

The GastroCH$_4$ECK* can be used as an aid to diagnose the following disorders:

- Carbohydrate breakdown deficiency
- Carbohydrate malabsorption
- Lactose intolerance
- Bacterial overgrowth
- Determination of time passage through gut
- Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS)

Features/benefits

- Direct breath sampling line for instant results
- Breath bag sampling for simultaneous testing of larger groups
- Requires calibration just once a month, saving time and calibration gas costs
- Full-colour touchscreen
- Intuitive interface
- Automatic calibration
- Maintenance reminders
- Service diagnostic management
- FREE GastroCHART™

“Medical literature shows that the level of methane producers varies by gender and population group from approximately 33-41%$^{5,6,7}$”

“If you are serious about providing a gold-standard breath testing service, the Bedfont* GastroCH$_4$ECK* system is essential, as without methane monitoring you will be missing very important clinical information and increase your percentage of false negative tests. It is also very important to map patients symptoms prior to and during the test to make sure the clinical translation of the physiological findings are maximised.”

Dr Anthony Hobson from The Functional Gut Clinic, London, UK.
## GastroCH\textsubscript{4}ECK\textsuperscript{®} technical specification:

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<tr>
<th>Dimension</th>
<th>CH\textsubscript{4}</th>
<th>H\textsubscript{2}</th>
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<td>Full colour touchscreen</td>
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<td><strong>Detection principle</strong></td>
<td>Electrochemical sensor (O\textsubscript{2} &amp; H\textsubscript{2}) Infrared (CH\textsubscript{4})</td>
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<td>1ppm</td>
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**Carbon monoxide cross-sensitivity (H\textsubscript{2} only)**

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<td></td>
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<td>CH\textsubscript{4}, H\textsubscript{2} and O\textsubscript{2} sensors</td>
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GastroCH\textsubscript{4}ECK\textsuperscript{®} consumables

**GastroCH\textsubscript{4}ECK\textsuperscript{®} mouthpieces:** specifically designed with the latest moisture removal and bacterial filtration to remove 99.9% of airborne bacteria from the patient’s breath\textsuperscript{6}. GastroCH\textsubscript{4}ECK\textsuperscript{®} mouthpieces are ‘per patient use’ so can be used for the duration of a patients testing procedure and disposed of. DO NOT REUSE AFTER THE 1\textsuperscript{ST} DAY OF TESTING.

Order code: GASTROCHECK-MP-XL (box of 250)

**GastroCH\textsubscript{4}ECK\textsuperscript{®} breath bags:** specifically designed to capture as much end-tidal air as possible, with a one-way mouthpiece to prevent loss of sample. GastroCH\textsubscript{4}ECK\textsuperscript{®} breath bags are ‘per patient use’ so can be used for the duration of a patients testing procedure and disposed of. DO NOT REUSE AFTER THE 1\textsuperscript{ST} DAY OF TESTING.

Order code: GASTROCHECK-BAG-XL (250 breath bags and bag mouthpieces)

**Face mask sampling system:** This sampling system is single patent use and allows the patient to breathe normally through a face mask in order to produce a breath sample. For use with breath bags.

Order code: ISSA-BB (1 sampling kit)

**Infant face mask**
Suitable for use with infants. Order code: EC60-IM-V

**Medium face mask**
Suitable for use with adolescent. Order code: EC60-MM-V

**Adult face mask**
Suitable for use with adults. Order code: EC60-AM-V

**Moisture removal filters:** for use with the breath bag sampling mode. These will last for approximately 150 samples and need to be changed when the filter changes from orange to dark green.

Order code: GASTROCHECK-DESS-XL (pack of 5 moisture removal filters)

**Calibration kit:** the GastroCH\textsubscript{4}ECK\textsuperscript{®} requires calibration once per month using 100ppm H\textsubscript{2}, 100ppm CH\textsubscript{4} & 20.9% air provided as a kit or replacement cylinder.

Order code: GASTROCHECK-CAL-KIT
GASTROCHECK-CAL -(Replacement cylinder)
GastroCHART™ patient database
(included with every Gastro+™ & GastroCH₄ECK®)

The GastroCHART™ is designed specifically for use with the Gastro+™ and GastroCH₄ECK®. With the Gastro+™, the software is integrated and allows the health professionals to save up to 10 patients on the monitor for satellite breath tests. If the Gastro+™ or GastroCH₄ECK® are connected to a PC, readings can be downloaded to an unlimited patient database immediately. The readings can then be shown in tabular format or in a graph to show whether the patient has presented a positive/negative result. Results can be easily printed for the patient to retain and for record in their medical history.

References

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What is the Gastrolyzer® email forum?

It is an international, invitation only forum where professionals using the Bedfont® Gastrolyzer® range of monitors can communicate and share knowledge.

There is no cost or obligation to participate but membership is free when you purchase a Bedfont® Gastrolyzer® Gastro™ or GastroCH₄ ECK® - take advantage and join this elite group today!

For more information, please contact forums@bedfont.com.

How does it work?

Signing up is simple and only requires your full name and email address. We will then contact you for your Gastrolyzer® serial number.

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