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MAX-II / MAX-IIa

Metabolic System

Instruction Manual

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Warranty and Claims

We warrant that any equipment of our own manufacture or manufactured for us pursuant to our specifications which shall not be, at the time of shipment thereof by or for us, free from defects in material or workmanship under normal use and service will be repaired or replaced (at our option) by us free of charge, provided that written notice of such defect is received by us within eighteen (18) months from date of shipment. All equipment requiring repair or replacement under this warranty shall be returned to us at our factory, or at such other location as we may designate, transportation prepaid. We shall examine such returned equipment and if it is found to be defective as a result of defective materials or workmanship, it shall be repaired or replaced as aforesaid. Our obligation does not include the cost of furnishing any labor in connection with the installation of such repaired or replaced equipment or parts thereof, nor does it include the responsibility or cost of transportation. In addition, instead of repairing or replacing the equipment returned to us as aforesaid, we may, at our option, take back the defective equipment and refund in full settlement the purchase price thereof paid to Buyer. If you are returning equipment from outside the United States, a statement should appear on the documentation accompanying the equipment being returned declaring that the goods being returned for repair are American goods, the name of the firm who purchased the goods, and the shipment date.

This warranty shall not apply to any equipment (or part thereof) which has been tampered with or altered after leaving our control, or which has been repaired by anyone except us, or which has been subject to misuse, neglect, abuse, or improper use. Misuse or abuse of the equipment, or any part thereof, shall be construed to include, but shall not be limited to, damage by negligence, accident, fire, or force of the elements. Improper use or misapplication shall be construed to include improper or inadequate protection against shock, vibration, high or low temperature, overpressure, excess voltage and the like, or operating the equipment with or in a corrosive, explosive or combustible medium unless the equipment is specifically designed for such service, or exposure to any other service or environment of greater severity than that for which the equipment was designed.

This warranty does not apply to used or second-hand equipment, nor extend to anyone other than the original purchaser from us.

THIS WARRANTY IS GIVEN AND ACCEPTED IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY WARRANTIES OF FITNESS OR OF MERCHANTABILITY OTHER THAN AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN, AND OF ALL OTHER OBLIGATIONS OR LIABILITIES ON OUR PART. IN NO EVENT SHALL WE BE LIABLE UNDER THIS WARRANTY OR ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT FOR ANY ANTICIPATED OR LOST PROFITS, INCIDENTAL DAMAGES, CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, TIME CHARGES, OR ANY OTHER LOSSES INCURRED BY THE ORIGINAL PURCHASER OR ANY THIRD PARTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE, INSTALLATION, REPAIR, OR OPERATION OF EQUIPMENT, OR ANY PART THEREOF, COVERED BY THIS WARRANTY OR OTHERWISE, WE MAKE NO WARRANTY, EXPRESS, OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY WARRANTIES OF FITNESS OR OF MERCHANTABILITY, AS TO ANY OTHER MANUFACTURER'S EQUIPMENT, WHETHER SOLD SEPARATELY OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EQUIPMENT OF OUR MANUFACTURE. WE DO NOT AUTHORIZE ANY REPRESENTATIVE OR OTHER PERSON TO ASSUME FOR US ANY OTHER LIABILITY IN CONNECTION WITH EQUIPMENT, OR ANY PART THEREOF, COVERED BY THIS WARRANTY.

*****CAUTION*****

DO NOT USE THIS INSTRUMENT IN THE PRESENCE OF FLAMMABLE ANESTHETICS OR FLUORINATED GASES.

NOT FOR USE WITH ANESTHETIC GAS MIXTURES.

THIS INSTRUMENT MUST BE ELECTRICALLY GROUNDED.
DO NOT USE AN UNGROUNDED CONNECTOR OF ANY KIND.

DO NOT OPEN SENSOR CABINET WITHOUT PRIOR FACTORY AUTHORIZATION.

FOR HIGHEST ACCURACY, TOP COVER MUST REMAIN ON INSTRUMENT.

SYSTEM SETUP

FOR SETUP/INSTALLATION OF CART & COMPONENTS REFER TO MAX-II or MAX-IIa
INSTALLATION GUIDE.

AEI METABOLIC SYSTEMS SOFTWARE

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

**DO NOT CONNECT THE INTERFACE BOX TO THE COMPUTER AT THIS TIME.
IF IT IS CONNECTED PLEASE DISCONNECT THE USB CABLE BEFORE
INSTALLING SOFTWARE.**

- Close all Windows programs.
- Place the AEI Metabolic Systems Software CD in the drive of the computer.
NOTE: After about 30 seconds if the program does not self start:
 - Click on "Start"
 - Click on "Run"
 - Type "D: SETUP" (OR substitute your CDROM drive letter for "D")
 - Click on "OK"
- Follow the directions and Click on "Next" and "Install"
- Wait for the AEI Metabolic Systems Software Installation Setup to be completed successfully. This may also include installation of Adobe Acrobat Reader.
- Click on "Yes". The computer will automatically restart.
- Connect the Interface Box to the Computer using the USB cable provided.
- The Found New Hardware wizard should start. This will install the appropriate USB driver. Windows instructions are similar to the following:
 - Select "no ..." ; click Next.
 - Select "Let Windows find ..." ; click Next.
 - Windows should start driver installation.
 - If a message appears with choices: 'Stop ...' or 'Continue ...' ; select 'Continue...'
 - Restart computer when complete.
- Perform System Check and Software Setup And Calibration as instructed in the Metabolic System Instruction Manual.

**NOTE: ALL METABOLIC SYSTEM MANUALS ARE LOCATED ON THE CD AND
ARE ALSO INSTALLED IN THE C:\PROGRAM FILES\AEI TECHNOLOGIES
DIRECTORY ON THE COMPUTER.**

SYSTEM CHECK

Before starting up the program, run through the following hardware checks:

- **Please refer the individual Instruction Manuals for complete hardware setup, operation and calibration directions.**
- Prior to running the program, go to START > SETTINGS > PRINTERS and verify that the MAX-II system printer is listed as the Default Printer - NOT the Fax.
- Please make certain that there are no other programs running on this computer when the MAX-II software is running. Also, do NOT connect to the internet or any network.

SOFTWARE SETUP

RUN MAX-II SOFTWARE PROGRAM

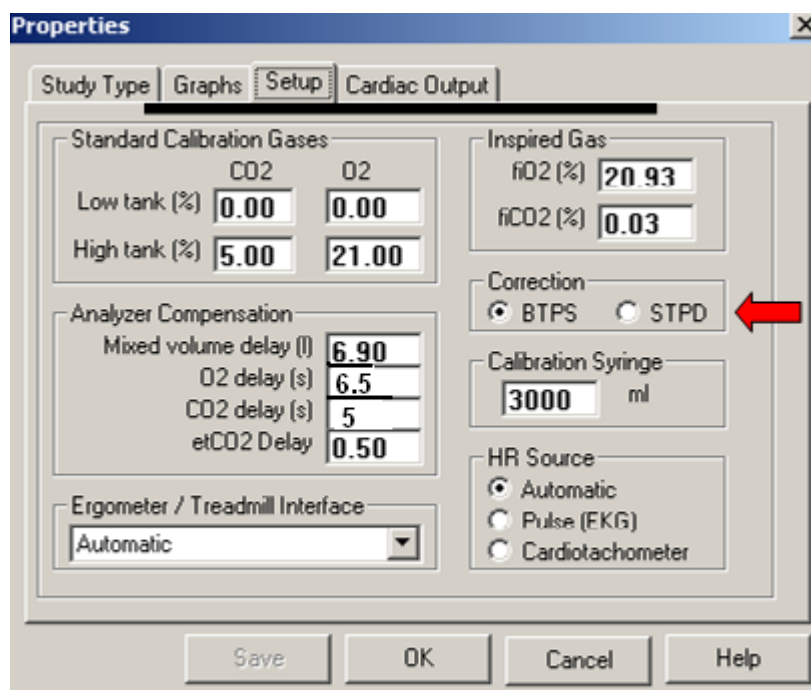
IMPORTANT! The following 4 steps must be performed for proper operation:

1. Select Menu: Tools > Hardware Dx

NOTE: Make certain the Canopy System, Cardiac Output, and Long Term Monitoring Options are NOT selected unless you have these options and wish to impliment them. For Canopy System see Appendix F. For Cardiac Output see Appendix E.

- Select: MAX-II
- Select: Volume Source = Pneumotach
- Click OK
- The software will automatically re-initialize.

2. Select Menu: File > Properties > Setup tab



- You may change the default supplied 'Standard Calibration Gases' values to your Laboratory Calibration Gas values and/or ambient values. Enter the value in the appropriate box.
- Confirm that the Mixed Volume Delay is set at 6.9 Liters. This is for the supplied breathing valve and tubing (2.7 liters) and the mixing chamber (4.2 liters). If different components are used, measure (with water and graduated cylinder) or calculate the total volume used and enter it here.
- Set the Analyzer Time Delays to 5 Seconds for the CO2 Analyzer and 6.5 seconds for the O2 Analyzer for the **MAX-II**. For the **MAX-IIa** set the Analyzer

Time Delays to 3 Seconds for the CO₂ Analyzer and 3.3 seconds for the O₂ Analyzer. These delays may be adjusted by measuring the actual response time delays of the sample gas from the mixing chamber outlet to each analyzer's measured response to 90% of reading.

- Confirm that the Calibration Syringe volume is set to the supplied syringe volume as recorded on the provided syringe calibration certificate, or enter your own Calibration Syringe volume.
- Confirm that the Volume correction is calculated in BTPS (preferred) or STPD.
NOTE: All metabolic data [VO₂, VCO₂, etc.] is always presented and saved in STPD without regard to this selection box.
- Enter the approximation of ambient inspired gas values (to be measured and adjusted later, after calibration of the analyzers).
FiO₂ = 20.93% typical for fresh [outdoor] air
FiCO₂ = 0.04% typical for fresh [outdoor] air

3. Select Menu: File > Properties > Study Type

- Choose the Averaging Interval for the test by sliding the bar to the desired setting. By setting the Averaging Interval to 0 seconds you will get breath-by-breath data. However, the exhaled breaths are still sampled from the mixing chamber.

4. Select FILE > PREFERENCES

Fill in the Institution Name and Address. This information will appear at the top of the printed reports.

CALIBRATION

Select "Tools", and then "Calibration" from the menu. A large box will appear on the screen, facilitating calibration.

Channel	Current Value	Average Value	Cal Low Value	Cal High Value	Status
<input type="checkbox"/> O2Mix	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	21.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> CO2Mix	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> User1	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> User2	8.00	8.00			
<input type="checkbox"/> HR/ECG	8.00	7.98			
<input type="checkbox"/> etCO2	8.00	8.00			
<input type="checkbox"/> Flow	72.73	72.73			
<input type="checkbox"/> Press	8.00	8.00			
<input type="checkbox"/> User3	8.00	8.05			
<input type="checkbox"/> User4	8.00	8.00			
<input type="checkbox"/> User5	9.00	8.97			

Select AutoCal to perform automatic gas analyzer calibration. Otherwise, select desired individual channels to calibrate followed by LO Cal or HI Cal. Calibration values (low and high) should be adjusted prior to starting the calibration process.

To enable a channel, change the high or low cal values first

AutoCal
HI Cal
LO Cal
 Enable gases

Analyzer Control
 Standby
 Sample Air
 Mixed Expired
 Calibrate Hi
 Calibrate Lo

Pneumotach
Verification
Linearization
Calibration

Reset
Save
Exit

PLEASE NOTE:

There are a variety of grades of bottled calibration gases available on the market today. We strongly recommend that only certified Medical Grade Calibration Gas be used to calibrate the MAX-II System. This grade of gas is normally supplied with the MAX-II Metabolic System.

Gas Calibration: O2 and CO2

For MAX-IIa skip to Software Auto-Calibration step on Page 12.

There are 2 types of gas calibration for the MAX-II System: Sensor Calibration and Software Calibration. Sensor Calibration refers to the calibration of the Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide sensors themselves in the MAX-II control unit. Refer to the respective sensor manuals for additional information. Software Calibration refers to the use of the MAX II software program to perform a gas calibration that calibrates the analog output

of the analyzers, overriding the Analyzer Calibration and compensating for A-D (analog to digital conversion) errors. NOTE: if an Analyzer Calibration is performed a Software Calibration must follow it before data is collected. Software Calibration should be performed before running tests for the day. Analyzer Calibration should be performed as needed; keeping the analyzers display readings close to the software readings.

Sensor Calibration

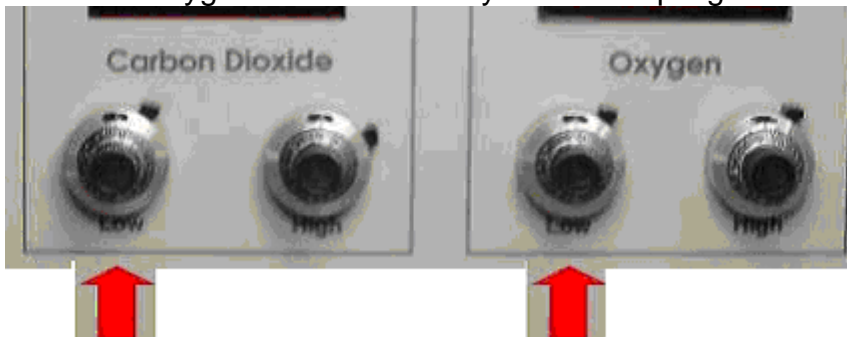
Before proceeding, the tank valves must be opened, and the pressure regulators must be set to approximately 8 - 10 psig. The button on the front of the MAX-II must be in the Automatic position to allow the computer to control the analyzers.

Select Menu: Tools > Calibration

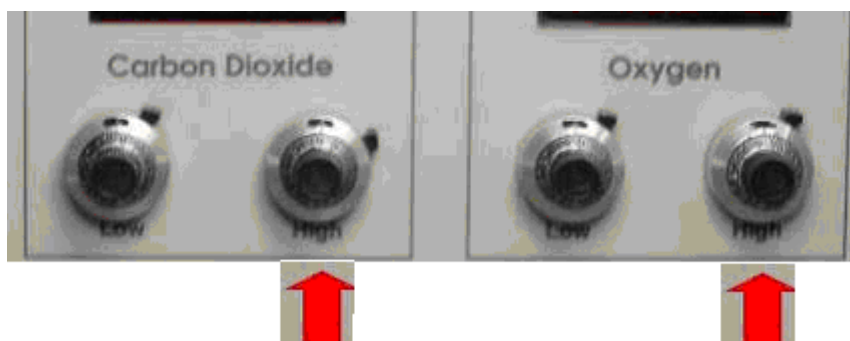
Begin the low calibration process by selecting Calibrate Lo on the Analyzer Control screen as shown in the picture below:



When the analyzers have stabilized, adjust the readings on the displays with the left hand adjusting knobs on the front panel of the "Max" under the appropriate display. AEI Technologies supplies the MAX-II with a tank containing 100% nitrogen for this purpose, and using this tank, both the CO₂ and the Oxygen display should be adjusted to "0.00" using the potentiometers indicated by the arrows in the picture below. When tanks containing other mixtures, are used, the displays should be adjusted to the values of the CO₂ and Oxygen in the tank that you are sampling.



Next, click on the "Calibrate Hi" button on the screen. When the analyzers have stabilized, the right hand knob under each MAX-II analyzer meter should be adjusted to display the values of the gas in the cylinder. A tank containing 5.00% CO₂, 21.00% oxygen (balance nitrogen) is supplied with the MAX-II and using this tank the readings of the displays should be set at 5.00 for CO₂, and 21.00 for oxygen.



Software Auto-Calibration

Before proceeding, the tank valves must be opened, and the pressure regulators must be set to approximately 8 - 10 psig. The button on the front of the MAX-II [or the button on the right side of the Calibration screen for the MAX-IIa] must be in the Automatic position to allow the computer to control the analyzers.

Select Menu: Tools > Calibration

- Verify the Calibration Gas values are correct. Otherwise: Calibration Gas values previously entered into the “Properties/Setup” window will appear when you select the O2 & CO2 channels and click “Reset”. If needed enter new values as follows:
 - Place cursor and click in the LO Cal Value Box for the Oxygen Channel and enter the value of the LO Calibration Gas that you will be using (preferably 15 – 16% O2).
 - Place cursor in the HI Cal Value Box for the Oxygen Channel enter the ambient value (20.93%) if this is to be used OR the HI cal Gas Value to be used (preferably 20 – 21% O2).
 - Perform the same steps for the CO2 Channel. Enter 0.04% for the LO value if ambient is to be used and enter the value of the HI Calibration Gas that you will be using (preferably 4 - 6% CO2).
- The software is calibrated by clicking on the “Auto-Cal” box located in the upper right corner of the window. The status of the calibration is displayed to the far right of each channel as the procedure is being performed. **NOTE: Please ignore all Values at this time as they may be incorrect.**
- When completed the Box at the right of the O2 and CO2 Channel will then read “Calibrated”.
- **Click “Save”**
- Skip to Inspiratory O2 and CO2 step on Page 13 unless you desire to calibrate the O2 or CO2 individually.

Software Manual Calibration

Before proceeding, the tank valves must be opened, and the pressure regulators must be set to approximately 8 - 10 psig. The button on the front of the MAX-II must be in the Automatic position to allow the computer to control the analyzers.

Select Menu: Tools > Calibration

- Click the select box for the O2 Channel (Top Left side of the screen)
- Select the Calibrate Lo on the Analyzer Control screen
- After a stable reading is obtained on the Oxygen panel meter, Click on the LO CAL button. The program will record and average the output signal from the Oxygen Sensor for approximately 20 seconds. Simply wait until the cycle is complete (the O2 Channel will become “deselected”).
- Select the Calibrate Hi on the Analyzer Control screen
- Select the O2 Channel again.
- After the Oxygen Sensor has returned to the HI Cal Gas reading, Click on the HI CAL button for the O2 Channel. The program will run through the same 20-second cycle and the Box at the right of the O2 Channel will then read “Calibrated”.
- Click the select box for the CO2 Channel (Top Left side of the screen)
- Select the Calibrate Lo on the Analyzer Control screen
- After a stable reading is obtained on the Carbon Dioxide panel meter, Click on the LO CAL button. The program will record and average the output signal from the Carbon Dioxide Sensor for approximately 20 seconds. Simply wait until the cycle is complete (the CO2 Channel will become “deselected”).
- Select the Calibrate Hi on the Analyzer Control screen
- Select the CO2 Channel again.
- After the Carbon Dioxide Sensor has returned to the HI Cal Gas reading, Click on the HI CAL button for the CO2 Channel. The program will run through the same 20-second cycle and the Box at the right of the CO2 Channel will then read “Calibrated”.
- **Click “Save”**

Following these individual calibrations, the values displayed for Oxygen and CO2 on the Calibration Screen should track the values displayed on the individual analyzer panel meters. The acceptable tolerance for this correlation is +/- 0.05 % for these individual channels. If this is not the case for either channel, run through the calibration sequence once again making certain that you wait for stable readings on the analyzer displays before clicking on the LO or HI CAL buttons on the screen.

Inspiratory O2 and CO2

Before proceeding, the tank valves must be opened, and the pressure regulators must be set to approximately 8 - 10 psig. The button on the front of the MAX-II must be in the Automatic position to allow the computer to control the analyzers.

For the most accurate calculations inspiratory O2 and CO2 should be measured after Gas Calibration, in the same room where the study occurs, as follows:

- Select Menu: Tools > Calibration to open the Calibration screen.
- **Select “Sample Air” on the Analyzer Control section of the Calibration screen.**
- Wait about 5-10 seconds to allow the O2 and CO2 readings to stabilize.
- Record the Average Value O2 and CO2 readings on paper.
- **Select “Standby” on the Analyzer Control section of the Calibration screen.**
- Select Menu: File > Properties > Setup tab
- Enter the recorded FiO2 and FiCO2 values.
- Click “Save” and “OK”.

Automatic Inspiratory O2 and CO2 Sampling [Canopy System Option only]

NOTE: This feature is recommended only for studies of 30 minutes or more AND in an environment in which the ambient air is likely to change during the course of the study [for example: a small room with several people working near the subject].

The Canopy System Option can allow for automatically sampling the inspiratory O2 and CO2 concentrations every 10 minutes. This feature is activated by checking the "Sample Inspiratory Air" checkbox in the Hardware Diagnostics screen. Ten minutes after the Study has started collecting data the system will automatically switch to start sampling from the Sample Air input instead of the mixing chamber; with the data being marked Invalid. After 30 seconds the system will automatically switch back to start sampling from the mixing chamber again. After another 30 seconds the data will have stabilized and is now considered Valid data. These steps are repeated until the Study is stopped. NOTE: The initial inspiratory O2 and CO2 concentrations should be entered as described above. These values will be used for the initial 10 minutes of the Study. These initial values will also be applied for the entire study if the "Sample Inspiratory Air" checkbox is un-selected.

Calibrating Flow and Volume

The flow and volume are measured with a device called a pneumotach. This is a simple device, which converts the flow signal of inspired air into a differential pressure signal, which is proportional to the flow. The pressure is converted to an electrical signal. As with all analog signals, the electrical volume signal must be calibrated.

Select Menu: Tools > Calibration

Prepare for Pneumotach Calibration by removing the mouthpiece from the breathing valve. Make certain that the saliva trap and black cap are screwed on tightly to the breathing valve. Make certain that the inspiratory and expiratory ports of the valve are screwed in tightly and the breathing hoses are snug.

- The 3-liter calibration syringe, which was supplied with the system, should be connected to the "mouth" port of the breathing valve.
- [For **MAX-IIa** skip this paragraph] [For newer model **MAX-II** without front panel 'Flow Control' knob skip this paragraph]

At this time the "Zero" control in the "Flow" box, which is on the front of the MAX-II, should be adjusted so that it is positioned midway between the points at which the upper and lower lamps are illuminated. Adjust the dial first until the top lamp is illuminated without flashing and note the reading on the turns counter on the control [the number in the window is the most significant digit]. Repeat for the bottom lamp. Add the two points (if, for example, the points were 350 and 650, they would total 1000). Divide that number by two (in the example: 500), and set the dial to that number accordingly.



- On the right hand side of the screen you will find an area labeled "Pneumotach". In this area, select "Calibration". The selection of "Calibration" will cause a new smaller "Volume Calibration" menu window to appear, which displays calibration instructions and information.

Stroke #	Volume	Error	% Error	Peak Flow
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

Mean (ml) Error (%)

Expiration **0** Inspiration

Pump the calibration syringe at least 5 times and click OK

- Select the "Set Zero" box on the bottom left of the small window, and the graphic indicator of flow, in the center of the small menu box should be centered.
- The instructions will display "Pump the calibration syringe at least 5 times and click O.K." While stroking the syringe, the user must apply a full stroke each time, gently stopping against the mechanical limits of the syringe. The strokes must be as consistent with each other as possible.
- **NOTE: please ignore the error at this time as the values may be incorrect.**

NOTE: *The syringe that is supplied is calibrated to National Standards [NIST], and must not be adjusted without being recalibrated.)*

- After the first two strokes, the measured volume of each stroke is displayed. As each stroke is completed, its volume is displayed. When five strokes have been measured, inspect them for consistency – NOT accuracy.

Stroke #	Volume	Error	% Error	Peak Flow
1	2996	-4	-0.1	5.84
2	2996	-4	-0.1	5.22
3	3010	10	0.3	5.83
4	2975	-25	-0.8	5.81
5	2989	-11	-0.4	5.73

Mean (ml) Error (%)

Expiration Inspiration

- The volume may not be accurate if this is the initial calibration, but the volumes of the displayed strokes should be consistent. If the volumes are not consistent, then the strokes may not have been full strokes or there may be a leak in a tube or a leak (or backflow) in a component of the breathing valve. When the volumes are consistent, select "O.K." and repeat the strokes of the syringe again in the same manner. This second set of strokes is called "Verification" and should display accurately and consistently the volume of the syringe.
- **Click 'Save'**

Heart Rate Calibration

The heart rate detector is a part of the MAX-II. It can accept signals in different forms. Those forms are: an amplified analog ECG signal (1 volt per millivolt); the output pulses of a Polar transmitter and receiver; or the "QRS- synch" pulse from an ECG recorder or monitor. When receiving the analog ECG, the software detects the "R" wave, measures the "R - R interval" digitally, and computes an average heart rate. In the other two modes, the "R" wave detection is done digitally. The range of the Polar transmitter/receiver is approximately 2 feet or less, and the best reliability is achieved when the labels on the transmitter, and the receiver are positioned in parallel planes.

Because the heart rate is determined very accurately using a crystal controlled clock, no calibration is necessary. In normal operation, a blinking red heart is displayed on the computer screen with each heartbeat. The blinking heart and the calculated heart rate are displayed on the "Hardware DX" screen, as well as on the test screen.



Calibration of heart rate is only necessary when an analog voltage of heart rate is connected to the heart rate input. This is done in the same manner as the calibration of other analog channels.

Calibrating Other Channels

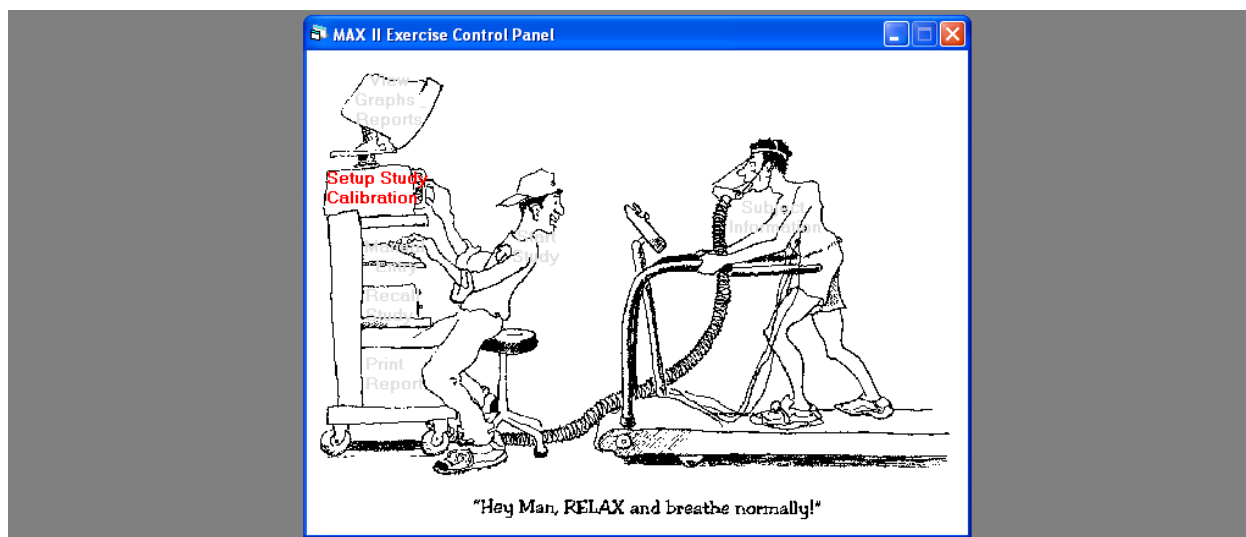
This must be done by providing an analog input, which is equal to a known “low” calibration value, and another input, that is equal to a known “high” calibration value. You must set the high and low values, and name the channel.

Calibration of the System is now complete and you are ready to enter the data for the subject of the test to be run.

START STUDY

When the computer is powered on an icon called "MAX-II Metabolic System" should be displayed on the desktop. When this icon is selected, the computer communicates with the MAX-II over the "USB" interface cable, which must be connected. Two boxes of text in the lower right corner of the screen, and on the lower left, display the progress of the download, and indicate if any error has occurred.

If the software has been loaded properly, a cartoon will be displayed on the screen with a "pull-down" menu bar and a Toolbar. The cartoon is a graphic menu and moving the cursor around the cartoon with the mouse will illuminate the various selections. Clicking the mouse will select it.



Subject Information

- Click on the "Subject Info" hot button on the Toolbar.
- Enter the Subject Name - When the test is completed, the program will add the date to the Subject Name and automatically save the file for this test under this File Name in the MAX II Metabolic System subdirectory.
- Enter the height, weight, age, etc., for the test subject.
- Enter the room barometric pressure, ambient temperature and relative humidity.
- These parameters must be entered so that an accurate calculation of ventilation can be made. (The program is measuring inspiratory volume and calculating V_e corrected to BTPS).
- You also have the option of entering up to 3 lines of Comments for this particular test run. These comments become a permanent part of the data file and they will appear on the Summary Page of the Exercise Report that you can print out following the test.
- Click OK once all the data has been entered.
- **Make certain that the MAX-II front panel button is in Automatic position.**

Start Study

Prepare to Start the Test by reattaching the mouthpiece to the breathing valve and getting the Test Subject in position (on the treadmill, ergometer, etc.) to begin.

If you plan to utilize the headgear to support the breathing valve, fit it onto the subject at this time. If you are using the Polar Telemetry System to monitor heart rate, you should moisten the underside of the chest belt and strap it into position on the subject at this time. Please place the Polar Receiver as close as possible to the subject by taping it to the treadmill handrail or ergometer handlebar.

Instruct the subject to insert the mouthpiece and position a nose-clip in place.

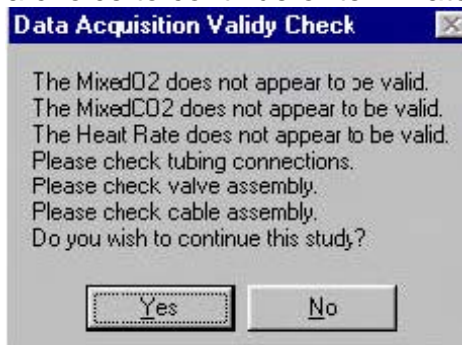
The subject should begin to breathe normally to flush the mixing chamber and fill it with exhaled gases before starting the test.

Click on the “Start Study” Hot Button on the Toolbar OR Select Menu: > Tools > Start Study. This opens the Real-Time Graph screen for a final check of the system operation prior to the actual start of the test and saving of data.

- Check the numeric values to be certain that the tidal volume and ventilation is being measured and that the FeO₂ and FeCO₂ values have changed from ambient to reflect the concentrations in the expired breaths. Verify also that these values are tracking the readings on the individual analyzer panel meters.
- Verify that the “heart symbol” is flashing and that the heart rate is being measured and recorded here as well.

Click on the flashing START STUDY button at the bottom right of this screen. The Real-Time Graph screen will minimize and 3 new windows will appear. At the top, 2 Data Graphs will appear to track parameters during the test run. On the bottom, the Tabular Data window will display the test parameters based on the averaging interval that you selected on the STUDY TYPE screen. The Real-Time Graphs and Tabular Data can be re-configured as desired; see the Features section below.

Two minutes following the beginning of a test, ventilation, gas analysis and heart rate signals are tested for validity. Should any or all of the signals be found to be outside acceptable physiological limits, a warning prompt is displayed and the operator is given a choice to continue or terminate the test. Data is collected during this message.



End Study

Once the test is complete and you are ready to end the data acquisition, Click on the

“End Study” Hot Button on the Toolbar.

- A small window will open asking if you are sure that you want to end the study.
- Click YES to end the data acquisition.
- As soon as YES is selected, the data file that was just collected is now automatically saved in to the Max II Metabolic System folder as a .dat file. The program will name the file according to the Name that you entered on the Subject Data Entry Screen. The numeric date will also be added to the file name.
- For Example:
- If you entered - John Smith – as the name on the Subject Data Entry Screen, and the test was completed on the 15th of November 2002, the file will be named John Smith111502 and it will automatically be saved in the MAX II Metabolic System folder (subdirectory).

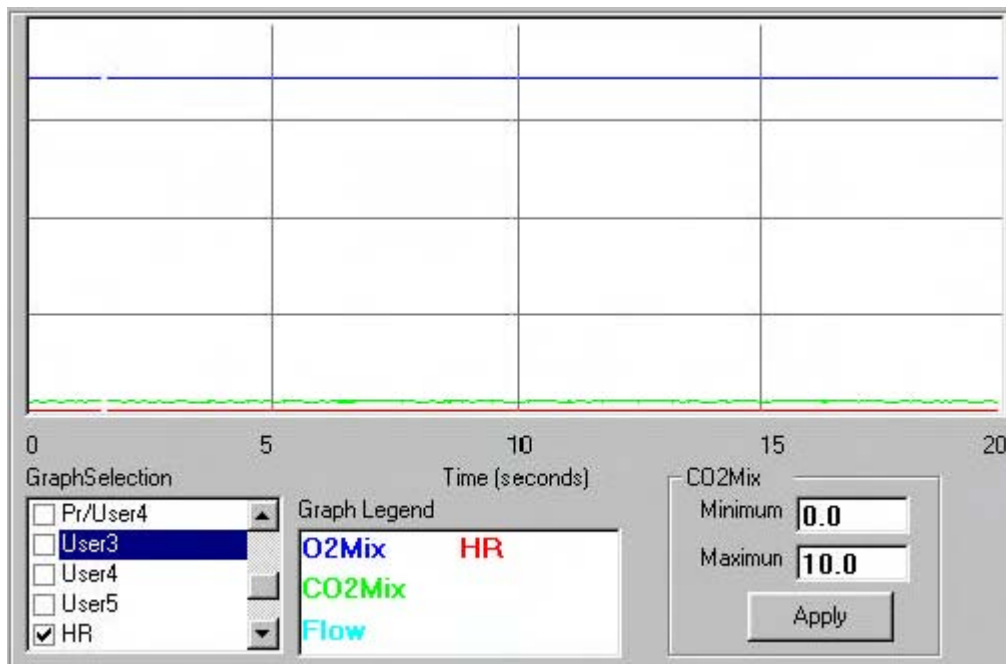
RUN TIME FEATURES

DURING A TEST – YOU MAY PERFORM:

- Data Graph configurations
- Real-Time Graph configurations
- Add another Graph
- Tabular configurations
- Averaging Interval changes
- Manual entry of off-line data, such as treadmill speed or workload.
- Cardiac Output Studies (with optional equipment. See Appendix E for instructions on performing cardiac output studies)

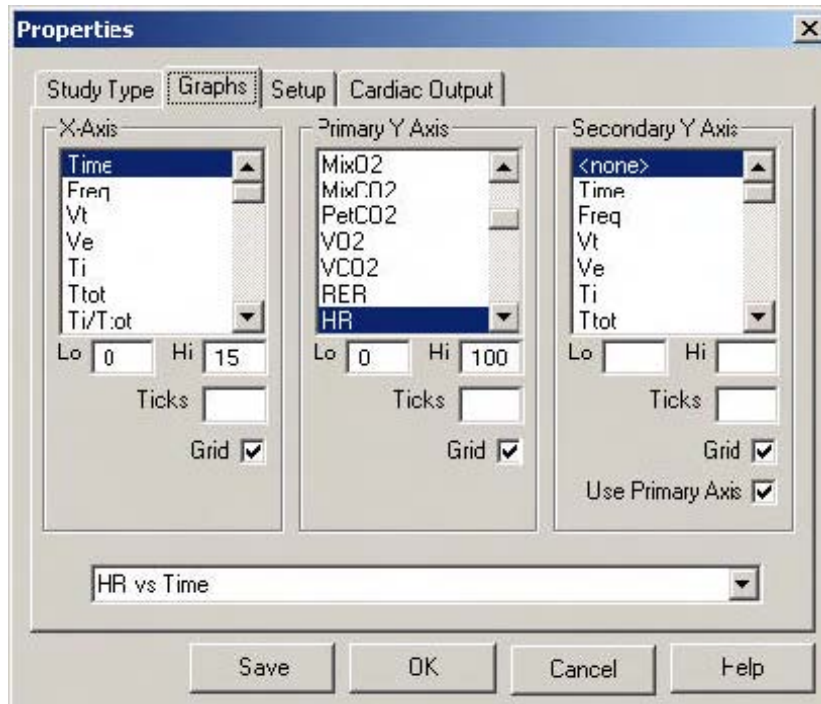
Real-Time Graph

Real-Time Graphs on the Real-Time Data screen are enabled or disabled in the Graph Selection window by clicking on the box to the left of each parameter. To change the scaling, click on the desired parameter in the Graph Legend window, simply enter the desired minimum and maximum scale values in the boxes to the right and click Apply.



Data Graphs

Data Graphs may be changed and rescaled within the Properties menu by right-clicking over the desired graph. Once in the Properties menu, select the “Graphs” tab.



The axis parameters are then selected for X axis, Primary Y Axis and Secondary Y Axis. If the Secondary Y Axis is not to be used select <none>.

Manual scaling may be set by de-selecting the “Auto Scale” box and entering desired limits in the Lo and Hi windows by inserting a numeric value. Grid markings may be placed on the graph by checking the Grid checkbox. Unclick it to remove grid marks.

The graph is scaled automatically, and “zooming” is disabled, if the “Auto Scale” box is selected.

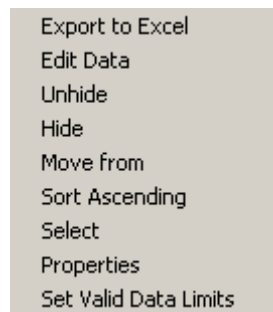
When comparing two Y parameters, it is often useful to have the scaling equal to each other. The operator can do so by checking the “Use Primary Axis” checkbox. If it is left unchecked, the graph scaling will be set as indicated in the Lo and Hi settings.

Add Graphs

Additional Data Graphs may be added by selecting Tools>Add Graph.

Tabular Display

Parameters may be altered in the tabular display by means of right click on the tabular data. When right clicking in the tabular data section, the following menu is displayed.



Export to Excel

You can export your data file as an Excel spreadsheet file. Generally it is more useful to run this option after the data collection is completed.

- Click on the box marked Export to Excel. The Export Window will open.
- The Max II Metabolic System folder is set as the default destination for the Excel files. However, you can change this setting by clicking on the folder icon and setting the destination to the folder of your choice or to a CD.
- Fill in the File Name that you choose for the Excel file.
- Click OPEN. The program will export your data file as a new .xls file to the destination that you have selected.
- Display will return to the Main Menu screen
- The newly created Excel file is now ready to be opened.
- There will be two tabs within the file including the Subject Data and the Tabular Data.
- The only initial adjustment that will have to be made within Excel is to expand the column widths so that all the subject data, parameter headings and numeric values fit into the columns properly.
- The file can now be manipulated normally as a standard Excel spreadsheet.

Edit Data

The “Edit Data” function allows the user to disable (or re-enable) individual breaths that, due to aberrations such as sighs, swallowing, coughing, talking or tubing artifacts, might skew the true average. Generally speaking, longer averaging intervals will lessen the need to disable aberrant breaths.

To disable a breath, choose “Edit Data” from the menu that is presented by right clicking on the tabular data. The Tabular Data is then changed from averaged breath display to a breath-by-breath display. The data for each breath can then be reviewed. Breaths that need to be disabled are chosen by double-clicking on the breath number at the far left of the tabular display. A “disabled breath” is displayed as a row of faded text.

9	00:25	33	1162	38.31	0.88	1.82	0.48
10	00:27	27	1568	42.76	1.06	2.20	0.48
11	00:29	34	1599	53.88	0.94	1.78	0.53
12	00:31	27	2050	55.41	1.20	2.22	0.54
13	00:33	29	1681	48.04	1.02	2.10	0.49
14	00:35	27	1706	46.52	1.08	2.20	0.49

Double-click on the “12” in the left hand column to disable the breath at 00:31

Conversely, a disabled breath may be re-enabled by double-clicking on the breath number. The text will be displayed normally.

Once editing is complete, right click on the tabular data and select “End Data Edit” to return to an averaged data display.

Hide/Unhide Columns

The Hide and Unhide functions in the Right Click Tabular Menu allows the user to remove and add back columns from the Tabular Display and Tabular Report. Simply Select the column you wish to remove and then right-click to bring up the menu. Selecting “Hide” removes the column from the table. The hidden columns are permanently saved as hidden columns from the Tabular Display (but not hidden in the Tabular Reports) until unhidden by the “Unhide” function. The Hidden column is indicated by a slightly thicker dividing line in the column heading.

To Unhide, Select the column immediately to the right of the column you wish to unhide. Selecting “UnHide” displays the parameter in the table again.

Column Move From/Move To

These functions are complimentary and allow reordering of the data columns. For example, to move Ve to the column next to Time, Select the Ve column. Then select “Move from”.

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#	Time [min]	Freq [br/min]	Vt [ml]	Ve [l/min]	Ti [sec]	Ttot [sec]
0	00:30	30	1387	41.69	0.93	2.00
1	01:00	27	1784	48.83	1.07	2.19
2	01:30	30	1632	49.48	0.90	1.98
3	02:00	28	1985	56.06	1.07	2.12
4	02:30	29	2066	58.95	1.07	2.10
5	03:00	31	1902	59.16	1.02	1.93
6	03:30	32	1890	61.16	0.97	1.85
7	04:00	30	1869	56.95	0.98	1.97
8	04:30	33	1867	61.08	0.93	1.83
9	05:00	33	1833	60.15	0.90	1.83
10	05:30	31	1804	56.03	0.95	1.93
11	06:00	33	2009	65.97	0.96	1.83
12	06:30	33	1767	57.82	0.95	1.83

Next, select the Freq column (the column where you want to place Ve) and select “Move to”. Freq will be pushed to the right and Ve will be placed in the column next to Time.

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2	01:30	49.48	30	1632	0.90	1.98
3	02:00	56.06	28	1985	1.07	2.12
4	02:30	58.95	29	2066	1.07	2.10
5	03:00	59.16	31	1902	1.02	1.93

Sort Column Ascending / Descending

Allows reordering of data depending upon the column that is selected when choosing these functions. This is most useful when you wish to display the end of the test at the beginning of the column. To do so, Select the Time column. Then right click and select Sort Descending. The Time column can be returned to the original state by selecting it and then selecting “Sort Ascending”.

Select Column

Selects a column for use with other menu functions such as Sort Ascending, Move etc. A column can also be selected by clicking the mouse on the desired column header.

Properties

Displays the properties menu for selecting choices for graphs, averaging intervals, setup parameters, etc.

Mark Invalid/Valid Data

Allows elimination of selected data rows that are printed on the report. This function is most useful to eliminate the warm up and cool down periods of a test thereby reporting only on the exercise protocol of the test.

Select the data row(s) that you wish to be removed from the report. Next, select “Mark Invalid Data” from the Tabular Right-Click menu.

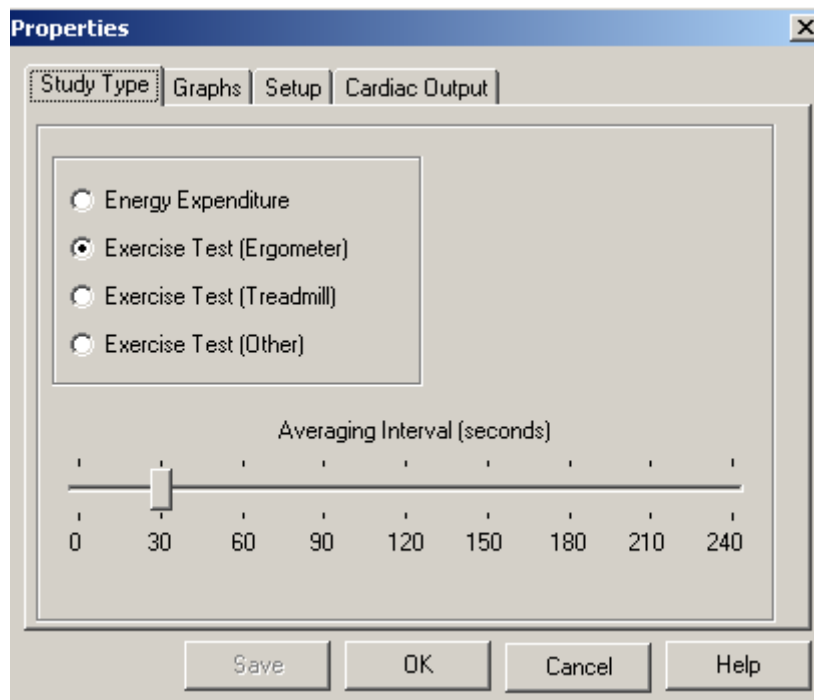
To mark the data rows as Valid again: select the data row(s) that you wish to be added back to the report. Next, select "Mark Valid Data" from the Tabular Right-Click menu. NOTE: the data cannot be marked a valid while performing a study.

Column Width

The width of each column may be adjusted by placing the mouse over the column line in the heading such that a 'double arrow' appears. Hold down the left mouse button and adjust the column width as desired; then release the mouse button. The column width is permanently saved in the Tabular Display (but not changed in the Tabular Reports)

Averaging Interval

Change the Averaging Interval during the test by placing the pointer on the graphs and right-clicking the mouse. The PROPERTIES > STUDY TYPE window will appear. Move the sliding bar to adjust the interval. NOTE: Data from every breath is always collected and saved by the software independent of the Averaging Interval selected. The Averaging Interval selection is for display purposes only. Setting the Averaging Interval to '0' will display Breath-By-Breath data.



OTHER FEATURES

Full Screen Graphs/Chart

View the Full Screen display of Data Graphs or Tabular Data by clicking on the “maximize” square in the upper right corner of the desired window.

Click on the “Restore” square to replace the window to its original position.

ZOOM

NOTE: The ZOOM feature is enabled only when “Auto Scale” is enabled.

- The Graph function also includes a ZOOM feature.
- As an example, if the total test includes 10 minutes of data, each graph that you call-up will display the parameters you choose over 0-10:00 of the test.
- If you would like to see a graph displaying only those data points collected during the 3:00 to 5:00 time frame, you can set the graph to zoom into that specific period.
- This can be done within a particular graph by placing the pointer inside the graph on the starting time that you want to zoom into (the 3:00 mark of the test) and left-clicking the mouse.
- Hold the left-click and move the pointer to the end time within the graph that you want to zoom into (for example the 5:00 mark of the test).
- The Graph will now re-set and zoom-in to display only the data collected between the 3:00 and 5:00 marks of the test.
- Restore the full-scale graph by Selecting File > Properties or simply by right-clicking on the graph to bring up the PROPERTIES Screen. Click on the GRAPH Tab. Click the OK Button to restore the full-scale graph.

File Open

- Select Menu: > File > Open and a window will open which will list all of the data files (.dat) in the Max II Metabolic System folder.
- Open a file by double-clicking on the name of the specific data file that you want to view.
- When the file is opened, the full screen display will include two graphs in the top half of the screen and the tabular data record of the test in the bottom half of the screen.

REPORTS

Print Reports

Exercise Summary Report

- Click on REPORTS > EXERCISE to Print the Report.
- The Report includes the full tabular data chart for the test as well as a Summary Page with Resting / Max Achieved values and comparisons to predicted Max values for the subject.

Energy Expenditure Report

- Click on REPORTS > ENERGY to Print the Report.

Calibration Report

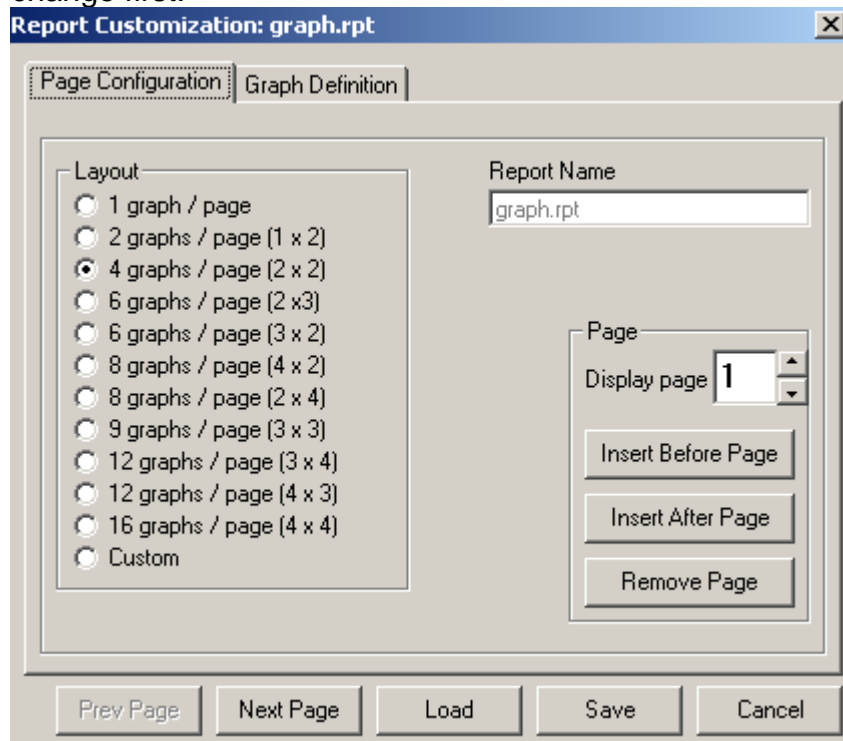
- Click on REPORTS > CALIBRATION to Print the Report.

Print Preview

To preview the reports before printing select FLIE>PREVIEW>[Report]

Setup Graphical Reports

Go to “FILE” and select “OPEN”. Select a file with data in it. Press “OPEN”, and go to “REPORTS” and select “SET-UP”. Select the display of the page that you want to change first.



IN THE EXAMPLE ABOVE, PAGE 1 IS SELECTED

Scroll through the page to display the image of the graph to be changed, and left click on that graph. Select the tab “DEFINITION”. Select the desired “x”, “y1”, “y2” data to be displayed on that graph. If you wish the axis for the two “y” axis to be the same, select

“USE PRIMARY AXIS”. Select each of the graphs that you wish to change, sequentially, and select each page in turn.

Baro Pr (mmHg):760 Temp
 Ventilation Conditions: BTPS f i02

SETTING CONFIGURATION OF GRAPH TO LEFT BY LEFT CLICKING GRAPH

NOTE: THE “X” AXIS IS ALWAYS THE HORIZONTAL AXIS, AND THE “PRIMARY Y AXIS” AND “SECONDARY Y AXIS” ARE ALWAYS THE LEFT AND RIGHT AXIS, RESPECTIVELY.

ADDING ADDITIONAL PAGES OR GRAPHS

Select “SET-UP”, and select a page. Select the “PAGE CONFIGURATION” tab, then select “INSERT BEFORE PAGE” or “INSERT AFTER PAGE”, and select the desired layout. Left click, with the cursor, on the desired graph, or click on “GRAPH DEFINITION” tab. Select the desired data to be graphed.

Select “SAVE”. A “SAVE REPORT” dialog box will open. When you select “SAVE”, a prompt will appear warning that “GRAPH.RPT” already exists. Click “YES” to save the changes. Otherwise, click “NO” to discard changes.

APPENDIX A

CALCULATIONS

There are three sources for the numeric values that are reported by the system

Real-Time - These values are measured on a breath-by-breath basis during the acquisition of data. They are measured either at the end of the breath or at a later time as determined by a delay factor (see below). These measurements form the basic data from which all reported results are generated and are never seen by the user. They are always measured under ambient conditions. This Real Time data is always stored.

Breath-by-breath - These values are directly calculated from the real-time results of each breath. As such they may be reported for breath-by-breath results or averaged directly. These represent the conversion of the real time results into user interpretable values. They are appropriately transformed for gas conditions based on the current settings of temperature and pressure. These values are never stored; rather they are recalculated each time they are needed.

Calculated - These values are dependent on the breath-by-breath data. They can be calculated either from the breath data or from averaged breath data. These values are not averaged themselves. They are appropriately transformed for gas conditions.

Real-time processing of flow and volume:

Analog to Digital conversion of all analog input signals occurs at 250 Hz with 12 bits of resolution. Each channel has an averaging value that is preset for the frequency content of the data on that channel.

The flow signal from a pneumotach, if used, is sampled in A-D units and converted to a linearized flow signal using a calibration look up table. This adjustment corrects non-linearity in the pneumotach, transducer, and electronics. The respiratory phase is determined through the use of a comparator circuit, triggered by flow, which generates a true signal during inspiration and a false signal during exhalation or pause. The integrator is zeroed during the expiratory phase and then accumulates all linearized flow rates during the inspiratory phase. This accumulation ends with the onset of exhalation. A gain factor is then used to convert the accumulated value (in A-D units) to an actual volume in liters (inspiratory, ATPS).

Exhaled gas concentrations are measured following an appropriate phasing delay. This delay is necessary because of two factors: 1) the volume of the non-rebreathing valve, tubing and mixing chamber and 2) the gas analyzer sampling and response delay.

Delayed Parameters

Mixed O₂

Mixed CO₂

There are two delays built into the system. Following the end of a breath the system waits until the patient has exhaled at a volume at least equal to that set for mixing chamber and tubing. It then waits a specified number of seconds for each of the analyzer delays and then takes the sample and phases it with the breath that generated the volume producing that data.

The calculated breath by breath data may be directly averaged - Note: these values are calculated from the stored data (which is never visible) and all BTPS or STPD corrections are applied only here.

Calibration method

$$\text{Real value} = A \text{ to D} * \text{factor} + \text{offset}$$

Time of breath

$$\text{Time} = \text{time at end of inspiration}$$

Total time of breath

$$\text{Sample points} / \text{sample frequency}$$

Inspiratory time

$$\text{Sample points} / \text{sample frequency}$$

End Tidal PCO₂

Previous Peak value at the time of the breath converted with calibration (Phased for analyzer and sampling delay).

Other analog inputs

Averaged A to D value converted with calibration

Heart rate

Averaged Value based on precise R-R timing

Mixed O₂ fraction

Averaged A to D value converted with calibration

Mixed CO₂ fraction

Averaged A to D value converted with calibration

Tidal volume - Inspiratory summation of flows converted with calibration.

Tidal volumes are measured as inspiratory volumes.

If expiratory volumes are reported then it is converted as follows:

$$V_{t_e} = V_{t_i} * (1 - FiO_2 - FiCO_2) / (1 - FeO_2 - FeCO_2)$$

Calculated information from breath by breath or averaged values that may not be directly averaged. Note - in the below formulas "avg" may be either a single breath or the arithmetic average of breaths in a given time period.

Frequency

$$F_{\text{avg}} = 60 / T_{\text{tot avg}}$$

Minute ventilation

$$V_{e \text{ avg}} = V_{t \text{ avg}} * F_{\text{avg}}$$

Ti/Ttot ratio

$$T_i / T_{\text{tot avg}} = T_{i \text{ avg}} = T_{\text{tot avg}}$$

Vt/Ti ratio

$$V_t / T_i = V_{t \text{ avg}} / T_{i \text{ avg}}$$

Ve/BSA ratio

$$V_e / \text{BSA} = V_{e \text{ avg}} / \text{BSA}$$

Oxygen consumption

$$VO_2 = [V_{i \text{ avg}} * 0.2095 - V_{e \text{ avg}} * \text{MixO}_{2 \text{ avg}}]$$

CO₂ production

$$VCO_2 = V_{e \text{ avg}} * \text{MixCO}_{2 \text{ avg}}$$

Respiratory exchange ratio

$$\text{RER} = VCO_{2 \text{ avg}} / VO_{2 \text{ avg}}$$

VO₂/Ve ratio

$$VO_2 / V_e = VO_{2 \text{ avg}} / V_{e \text{ avg}}$$

VCO₂/Ve ratio

$$VCO_2 / V_e = VCO_{2 \text{ avg}} / V_{e \text{ avg}}$$

VO₂/Kg ratio

$$VO_2 / \text{Kg} = VO_{2 \text{ avg}} / \text{Wt}(\text{kg})$$

O₂ pulse

$$O_2 \text{ Pulse} = VO_{2 \text{ avg}} / \text{Heart Rate}_{\text{avg}}$$

Body Surface Area

$$\text{Body Surface Area (BSA)} = .202 \times (\text{Wt}/2.2)^{.425} \times (\text{Ht}/39.37)^{.725}$$

VO₂/BSA

$$VO_2 / \text{BSA} = VO_{2 \text{ avg}} / \text{BSA}$$

VCO₂/BSA

$$VCO_2 / \text{BSA} = VCO_{2 \text{ avg}} / \text{BSA}$$

THE FOLLOWING VALUES REQUIRE AN ACCESSORY CO2 ANALYZER -

Dead Space

$$VD = (EtCO_2_{avg} - CO_2Mix_{avg} * P_{barom}) / EtCO_2_{avg} * Vt_{avg} - DS_{system}$$

Where DS_{system} is the valve and mouthpiece dead space

VD/VT ratio

$$VD/VT = VD_{avg} / VT_{avg}$$

Alveolar volume

$$VA = Ve_{avg} - [f_{avg} * (VD_{avg} + DS_{system})]$$

Where DS_{system} is the valve and mouthpiece dead space

The following calculations are used for the raw data only and are not used for calculations in the Energy Expenditure Report.

Daily urea nitrogen (UN) = Urea Nitrogen / 24

(Note: Corrects patient entry to grams per hour)

$$\text{Protein} = (6.25 \times 4.2 \times \text{UN})$$

$$\text{Resting Energy Expend. (REE)} = (3.94 \times VO_2) + (1.11 \times VCO_2)$$

$$\text{Adjusted Metabolic Expenditure (AME)} = (\text{REE} - 2.17) \times \text{UN}$$

Non protein resp. quotient (NPRQ) =

$$(VCO_2 - (4.8 \times \text{UN})) / (VO_2 - (5.9 \times \text{UN}))$$

Carbohydrate+Fat metabolism (CHOFAT)=AME - Protein

% Carbohydrates =

$$(\text{CHOFAT}/\text{AME}) \times ((97.4 \times \text{NPRQ}) - 68.9) / ((59.4 \times \text{NPRQ}) - 30.8) \times 100$$

% Fats =

$$(\text{CHOFAT}/\text{AME}) \times ((38.0 \times (1.0 - \text{NPRQ})) / (59.4 \times \text{NPRQ}) - 30.8) \times 100$$

The following calculations are used to derive steady state data in the Energy Expenditure Report:

Volume of CO₂ produced by protein catabolism (VCO_{2un}) =
Urea Nitrogen x 4.9

Volume of O₂ produced by protein catabolism (VO_{2un}) =
Urea Nitrogen x 5.9

Nonprotein respiratory quotient (RQ) =

$$(VCO_2 - VCO_{2un}) / (VO_2 - VO_{2un})$$

Kilocalories of energy produced by protein (KCALPRO) =
 UN x (5.9 x 4.463)
 Where: 5.9 = grams protein / gram nitrogen
 4.463 = Kcal / gram protein

Kilocalories of energy produced by fats and carbohydrates
 $(KCALFAT+CHO) = (4.686 + \frac{RQ - .707}{.293} \times .361) \times ((VO_2 - VO_{2un}))$

Total Kilocalorie expenditure (KCAL) =
 KCALPRO + KCALFAT+CHO

Total Kilocalorie expenditure normalized to body weight
 $(KCAL / Kg) = KCAL / Body Weight$

Percentage of total kilocalories from protein (% PRO) =
 $KCALPRO / KCAL \times 100$

Ratio of Kilocalories of FAT+CHO to Total Kilocalories
 $(KCAL ratio) = KCALFAT+CHO / KCAL$

Percentage of total Kilocalories from carbohydrates (% CHO) =
 $\frac{504.7 \times (RQ - .707)}{5.047 \times (RQ - .707) + 4.686 \times (1 - RQ)} \times KCAL ratio$

Percentage of total Kilocalories from fat (% FAT) =
 $\frac{468.6 \times (1 - RQ)}{5.047 \times (RQ - .707) + 4.686 \times (1 - RQ)} \times KCAL ratio$

Percentage participation of protein in total O₂ consumption
 $(\% PRO_{O_2}) = VO_{2un} / VO_2$

Ratio of O₂ participation in FAT+CHO to total VO₂ (O₂ ratio) =
 $(VO_2 - VO_{2un}) / VO_2$

Percentage of participation of CHO in total O₂ consumption
 $(\% CHOO_2) = (100 \times \frac{RQ - .707}{.293}) \times O_2 ratio$

Percentage of participation of FAT in total O₂ consumption
 $(\% FATO_2) = (100 \times \frac{1 - RQ}{.293}) \times O_2 ratio$

Protein metabolism (in grams) (PRO) =
 $VO_2 \times \% PRO_{O_2} / .94$
 where .94 = liters of O₂ per gram of PRO

Carbohydrate metabolism (in grams) (CHO) =
 $VO_2 \times \% \text{CHOO}_2 / .81$
where .81 = liters of O_2 per gram of CHO

Fat metabolism (in grams) (FAT) =
 $VO_2 \times \% \text{FATO}_2 / 1.96$
where 1.96 = liters of O_2 per gram of FAT

Predicted energy expenditure (Harris-Benedict)
For men:

$$\text{HBEE} = 66.487 + (13.7516 \times \text{Weight}) + (5.0033 \times \text{Height}) - (6.7550 \times \text{Age})$$

For women:

$$\text{HBEE} = 655.0955 + (9.5634 \times \text{Weight}) + (1.8496 \times \text{Height}) - (4.6756 \times \text{Age})$$

The following predicted variables are derived based on information provided in the patient entry screen:

Upper limit of normal weight for males (Treadmill and Cycle)
 $= (.79 \times \text{height (in.)} \times 2.54) - 60.7$

Upper limit of normal weight for females (Cycle)
 $= (.65 \times \text{height (in.)} \times 2.54) - 42.8$

Upper limit of normal weight for females (Treadmill)
 $= (.79 \times \text{height (in.)} \times 2.54) - 68.2$

For the following predicted equations for VO_2 , substitute the predicted weight value if the actual weight exceeds the predicted weight unless a specific equation for overweight subjects is listed.

Predicted VO_2 (males - normal weight - Cycle)
 $= \text{Weight (kg)} \times (50.72 - 0.372 \times \text{Age})$

Predicted VO_2 (males - normal weight - Treadmill)
 $= \text{Weight (kg)} \times (56.36 - 0.413 \times \text{Age})$

Predicted VO_2 (females - normal weight - Cycle)
 $= (\text{Weight (kg)} \times 42.8) \times (22.78 - 0.17 \times \text{Age})$

Predicted VO_2 (females - overweight - Cycle)
 $= \text{Height (cm)} \times (14.81 - 0.11 \times \text{Age})$

Predicted VO_2 (females - normal weight - Treadmill)
 $= \text{Weight (kg)} \times (44.37 - 0.413 \times \text{Age})$

Predicted Heart Rate = $210 - 0.65 \times \text{Age}$

Predicted $V_e = MVV$

Predicted $V_t = IC \times 1000$

APPENDIX B

COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS

- The AEI Metabolic System Software must be used with a Windows XP Professional [preferred] or Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional operating system computer. A “USB” interface port is required to connect to the Interface Box or control unit. A CD/RW drive or USB Flash Drive is recommended for data storage and transfer.
- The VGA graphics and monitor must be capable of displaying and should be set in “1024 x 768” format.
- The program supports all printers that are “Windows” compatible. A default printer driver must be installed to Print or Preview reports.
- The AEI Metabolic System Software is designed to operate on a ‘clean’ stand-alone computer. The computer should not be connected to a network. Also, there should be no other programs operating on the computer at the same time as the AEI Metabolic System Software.
- A laptop or small chassis desktop that fits under the monitor is recommended.
- Windows should be operating in ‘English (United States)’ as standard formatting.

APPENDIX C

AEI METABOLIC SYSTEM DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

The AEI Metabolic Systems Software, or MAX-II Software, is the result of a demand for the accurate measurement of oxygen uptake and other parameters during exercise testing or rest, while allowing maximum flexibility in the graphic display and printout of data. The Software allows the user to change the manner in which he or she views the data while the test is proceeding. In addition, the Software provides the ability to set up multiple configurations to minimize setup time when switching equipment for different testing methodologies.

The AEI Metabolic Systems Software is utilized in a variety of AEI Technologies systems and product options. These include: The MOXUS, MAX-II, and MARS Metabolic Systems; Canopy System and Cardiac Output options; and Long Term Monitoring and DAQ modes. NOTE: all of these selections may not apply to the system you purchased.

In order to achieve maximum accuracy, the Software uses a breath as the basic unit upon which all data is calculated [MOXUS and MAX-II System modes only]. As the program corrects all phase delays between the gas analyzers and the other "real time" data, the data displayed for each breath is precisely corrected. Facilities are included to change the delay factors to allow for changes in sampling rate, tubing length, and other alterations to the apparatus. We have elected to utilize a mixing chamber for the exhaled gas, thereby smoothing out rapid breath-by-breath variations and producing more accurate data for most applications. Direct sampling at the mouth, 'true breath-by-breath, can also be accommodated.

During exercise testing, spurious data may be sent to the computer. This may be caused by a loose heart rate sensor, the mouthpiece falling off the breathing valve, the subject swallowing and possible other small occurrences. This Software does not allow the user to erase or edit any data, however, the erroneous data, which is collected during one of these episodes, may be "Marked Invalid" (ignored). The breath data will be retained in the user's data file, but will be excluded from averaging in the final report and on the graphs that are printed by the software. Such data may be reselected at a later time. Users may also select the time interval, which is of interest to them, during any study, and plot or print only that data, ignoring portions of the data falling outside of the selected time period. For instance, the exercise recovery period may be ignored.

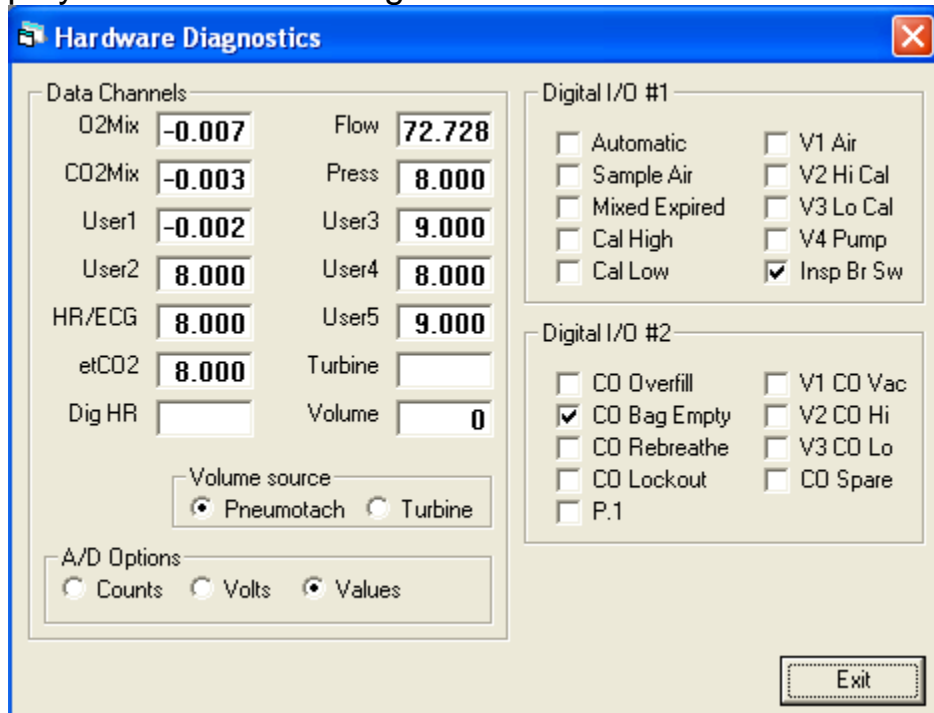
This Software allows the operator to enter certain data, manually, either during a test. This data is placed in a spreadsheet within the program, and may be labeled by user. This data may be printed against other data. This feature allows data to be stored and compared to other data.

APPENDIX D

TROUBLESHOOTING

DO I KNOW THAT IT IS WORKING?

The first step is to pull down the "Tools" menu, and select "Hardware DX", which displays the hardware diagnostics screen.



This screen is the way to select whether the exercise program will work with a Pneumotach, as standard in the MAX-II, or a Turbine, as standard in the MOXUS. MAKE CERTAIN THE CORRECT FLOW DEVICE IS SELECTED. This screen also allows measuring the voltages of all of the signals coming into the computer, in volts, in digital counts, or in actual calibration values.

APPENDIX F

CANOPY SYSTEM

*****CAUTION*****

Constant attention to the subject by a qualified individual is required at all times when the subject is under the canopy. If air flow through the canopy stops or a loss of power occurs immediately remove the canopy from the subject.

NOTE: The following steps, procedures, and features apply only to the Canopy System Option.

Canopy System Setup

In addition to the Setup of the MAX-II System perform the following:

NOTE: The Canopy System Pump, with its Power switch and Flow Adjust is located in a large metal box on the bottom shelf of the cart.

Connect the tubing connector from the Pump into the end of the mixing chamber exhaust tube.

Software Setup

RUN MAX-II SOFTWARE PROGRAM

In addition to the Setup of the Software perform the following:

Select Menu: Tools > Hardware Dx

- Select: CANOPY
- Click OK
- The program will re-initialize.
- Select "Sample Inspiratory Air" checkbox if desired.

Calibrating Flow

- Disconnect the 9 ft corrugated tubes and adaptors from the Pneumotach.
- Connect a spare 9 ft corrugated tube from the Pneumotach to the inspiratory port on the breathing valve.
- Perform Flow Calibration as described on Page 13.
- When calibration and validation is completed re-connect Pneumotach in-line between Canopy hood and Mixing Chamber.

Flow Rate Adjustment

- The Canopy System continuously monitors and displays the flow rate of air from the canopy in Liters/Minute on the Calibration screen. Turn on the Pump. The Flow Rate is adjusted by *SLOWLY* turning the black Flow Adjust knob [located on the Pump housing at the bottom shelf of the cart]. Clockwise rotation of the knob decreases flow; counter-clockwise rotation of the knob increases flow.
NOTE: Do not turn the knob to completely shut off air flow through the canopy.

Converting Canopy System to Exercise System

- Select Menu: Tools > Hardware Dx
 - De-Select: CANOPY
 - Click OK
 - The program will re-initialize.
- Disconnect the tubes and adaptors from the Pneumotach.
- Connect the Turbine to the breathing valve with the corrugated tube.
- Connect the tube from the mixing chamber to the breathing valve.
- Disconnect the tubing connector from the mixing chamber exhaust tube.
- To revert back to a Canopy System, reverse the above steps.



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