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High Purity Nitrogen Generator

**NM20ZA 230Vac
Gas Station
(19" Rack System)**

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These instructions must be read thoroughly and understood before installation and operation of your Peak Nitrogen Generator. Use of the Generator in a manner not specified by Peak Scientific Inst. MAY impair the SAFETY provided by the equipment.

When handling, operating or carrying out any maintenance, personnel must employ safe engineering practices and observe all relevant local health and safety requirements and regulations. The attention of UK users is drawn to the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, and the Institute of Electrical Engineers regulations.

WARNING: Nitrogen is not a poisonous gas, but if the concentration in the inhaled air becomes too high there will be a risk of asphyxiation.

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1 Introduction

Welcome to the User Manual for the Peak Scientific Instruments NM20ZA Laboratory Gas Generator. Enclosed in this manual you will find the information required to ensure that your generator is installed & operated according to our recommended guide lines which will prepare you for long and trouble free gas generation.

Please review each of the following sections carefully and ensure that the Installation and Operational Validation Reports are completed in full and archived for future reference (Complete IQ/OQ procedures are available from the factory).

Thank you for selecting **Peak Scientific Instruments (PSI)** to meet your Gas Generation needs, should you require any further assistance or support please do not hesitate to contact us at the addresses displayed on the front cover of this manual.

2 Unpacking and Installation

Although Peak Scientific takes every precaution with safe transit and packaging, it is advisable to fully inspect the unit for any sign of transit damage.

ANY DAMAGE SHOULD BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE CARRIER AND PEAK SCIENTIFIC OR THE DISTRIBUTOR FROM WHERE THE UNIT WAS PURCHASED.

Follow the un-packing instructions posted on the side of the crate. It will require 2 people to lift the crate clear and to maneuver the generator onto the floor. Thereafter the generator can be moved to its final location on the castors provided.

Note: - Included with the generator is a pack containing keys, manuals, service filters & fittings. Be careful not to discard these with the packing.

Please save the product packaging for storage or future shipment of the generator.

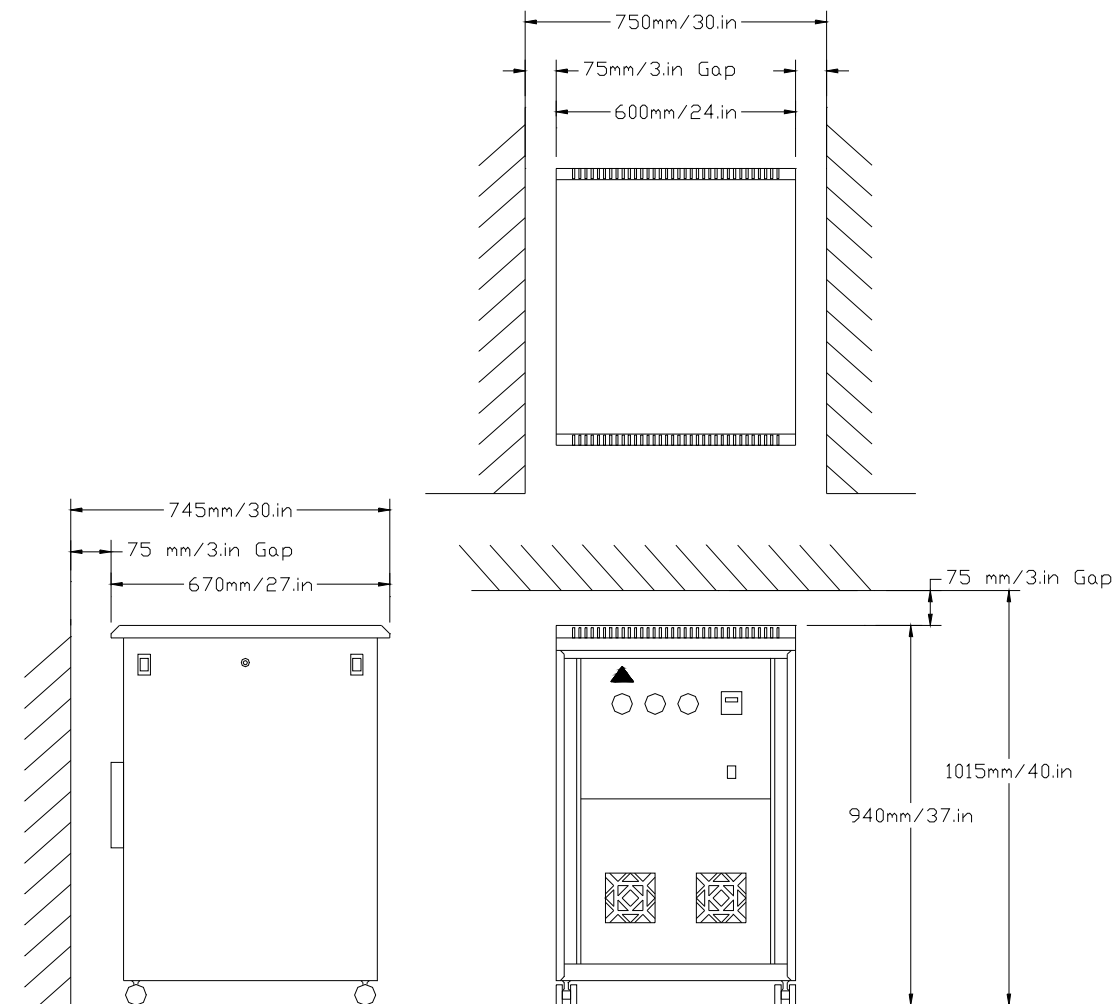
3 Generator Environment

The generator is designed to be installed adjacent to the Mass Spectrometer it is supplying. If this is not convenient then the generator can be sited elsewhere, however, consideration should be made of the lengths of pipe runs as pressure drops can result from extended runs of pipe.

Performance of the generator (like all sophisticated equipment) is affected by ambient conditions. Continuous operation in ambient temperatures exceeding 25°C will lead to a reduction in capacity and prolonged operation in temperatures exceeding 30°C will shorten the life of the unit. Note should also be taken to the proximity of Air Conditioning outlets. These can sometimes give rise to “pockets” of air with high relative humidity. Operation of the generator within such a pocket could adversely affect its performance. Consideration should also be given to the air flow around the unit. It is recommended that an air gap of 75mm (3”) should be maintained down both sides and across the top of the unit. Please refer to the drawing below for the general dimensions of the generator.

MAXIMUM AMBIENT CONDITIONS: - 30°C (dry bulb) 70%RH (Max)

General Dimensions



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4 Technical Specification

Generator Environment		
Minimum Operating Ambient Temperature		5 °C (41 °F)
Maximum Operating Ambient Temperature		30 °C (86 °F)
Maximum Relative Humidity		70%
Outlet Gas		
Maximum Gas Outlet Pressure Curtain		60 psig
Maximum Gas Outlet Pressure Source		100 psig
Maximum Gas Outlet Pressure Exhaust		60 psig
Maximum Gas Outlet Flow (Zero Grade Air)		30 Litres/min (ATP)
Maximum Gas Outlet Flow (High Purity Nitrogen)		5 Litres/min (ATP)
Start up time for Purity		60 minutes
Air filtration to		0.01um
Electrical Requirements		
@230V±10% ac (50/60Hz)		5.0 Amps
Compressor Circuit Breaker		8.0 Amps
Control Circuit Breaker		2.0 Amps
Electrical Connection		Single Phase Power Cord
General		
Dimensions W x D x H	cm (inches)	60 x 67 x 94 (24 x 27 x 37)
Weight	Kg (lbs)	112.5 (248)
Shipping Weight	Kg (lbs)	169 (372)

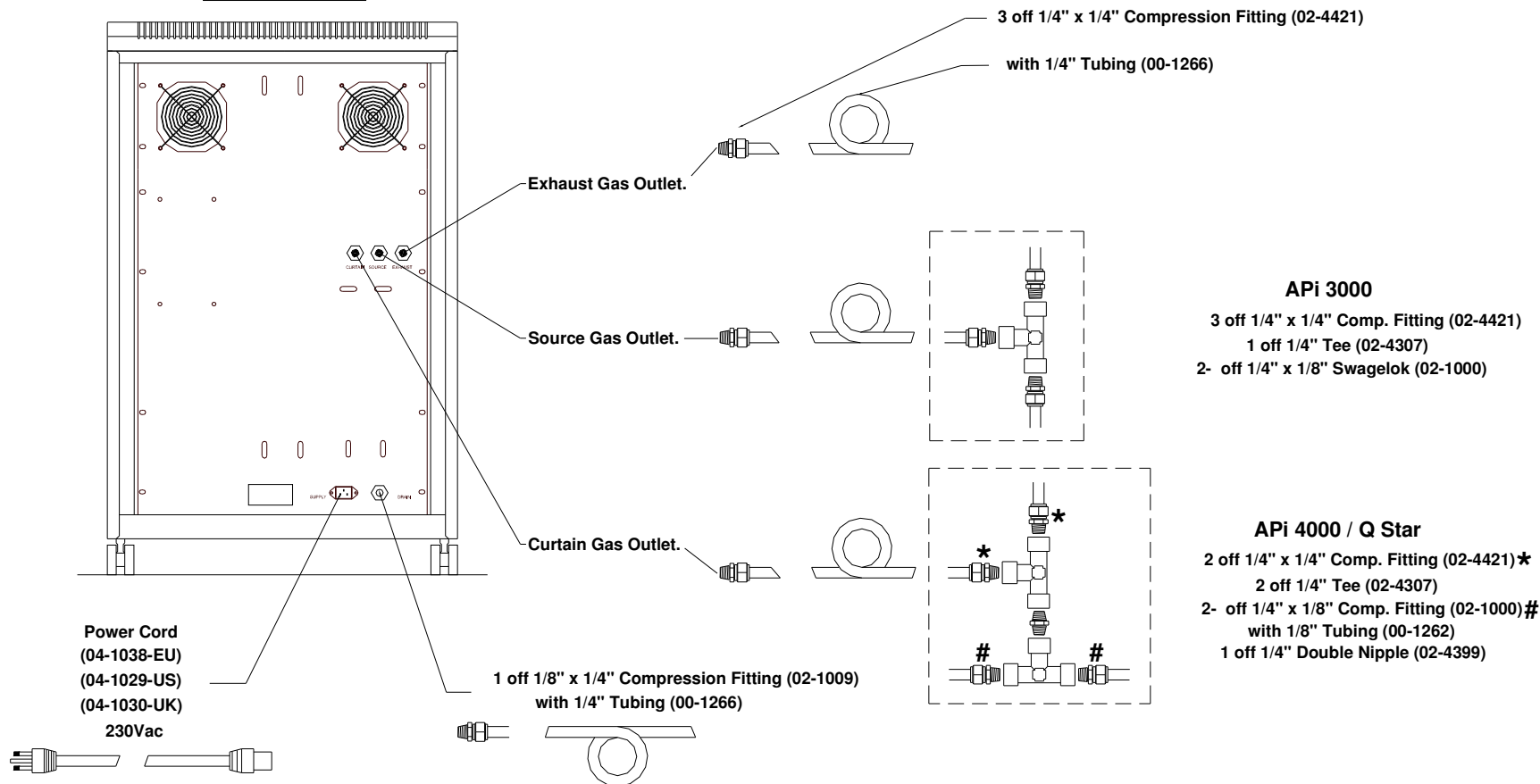
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5 Connection to the Instrument

Rear View.

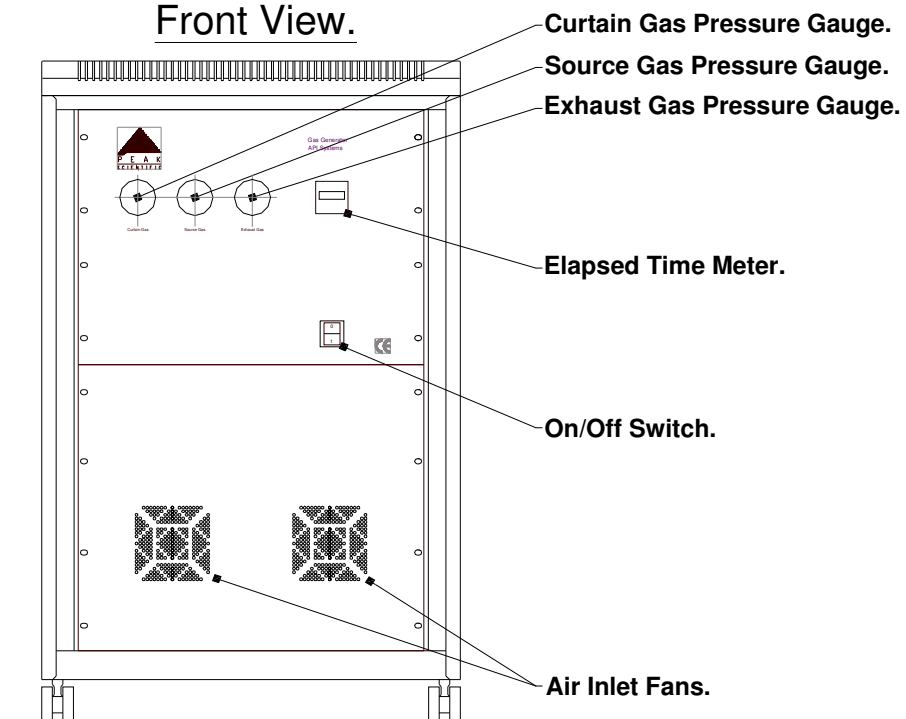


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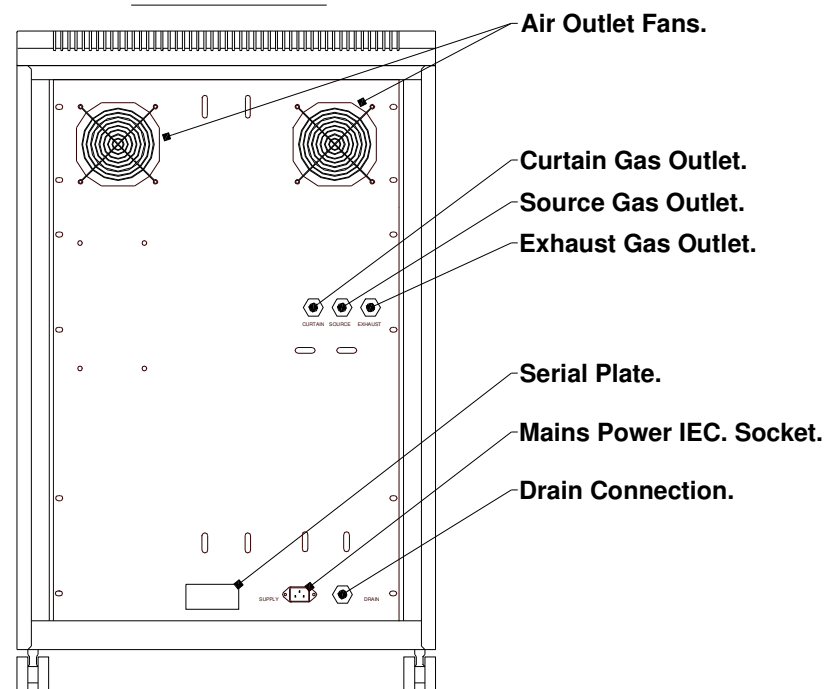


6 Generator Controls

Front View.



Rear View.





7 Electrical Connection

Important Electrical Notice

This unit is classified as **SAFETY CLASS 1** equipment. **THIS UNIT MUST BE EARTHED.** Before connecting the unit to the mains supply, please check the information on the serial plate. The mains supply must be of the stated AC voltage and frequency.

EARTH/GROUND (E):-	Green & Yellow	OR	Green
LIVE (L):-	Brown		Black
Neutral (N):-	Blue		White

Connect the generator to a single-phase supply using the power cord provided.

8 Operator Training

The NM20ZA Laboratory Gas Generator is designed specifically to minimize operator involvement. Given that the generator is installed as described in earlier sections and is serviced in accordance with the following maintenance recommendations then it should simply be a matter of turning the generator on. The generator will automatically produce the factory default flows and pressures noted below.

CURTAIN	5 litres per min (ATP)	60 PSI.G
SOURCE	22 litres per min (ATP)	100 PSI.G
EXHAUST	8 litres per min (ATP)	60 PSI.G

Should the demand for gas be less than the rated flow then the generator will automatically regulate the internal pressure and cycle of the compressors as required. This should be all the input your generator requires from you, the only additional tasks required are,

- If at any time the generator begins to emit excessive noise or vibration, then it should be switched off and you should contact your local representative or the factory as soon as possible.
- Please ensure that the drain port at the rear of the generator is led to a suitable connection or container. It should be noted that the generator will liberate considerable amounts of water from this port (approx. 1-2 litres weekly). If a container is used it should be emptied at regular intervals.
- Ensure that the generator is serviced in accordance with the following maintenance recommendations.



9 Maintenance Schedule

WARNING: Servicing and/or repair of the Generator should only be undertaken by a TECHNICALLY COMPETENT PERSON with the Generator safely isolated.

Due to the simplicity of the design and the small number of moving parts the NM Series Nitrogen Generator will have a long and trouble free life. However the following components should be replaced as follows:

Compressor Inlet Filters	Every 6- months
Filter Separator Elements	Every 12- months
Compressor Units (the lesser of)	Every 6000Hours or 18- months

Service kits are available for all routine maintenance; please contact the factory for further details.

**FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE PRESCRIBED MAINTENANCE PLAN
WILL INVALIDATE THE PRODUCT WARRANTY**

10 START-UP Sequence

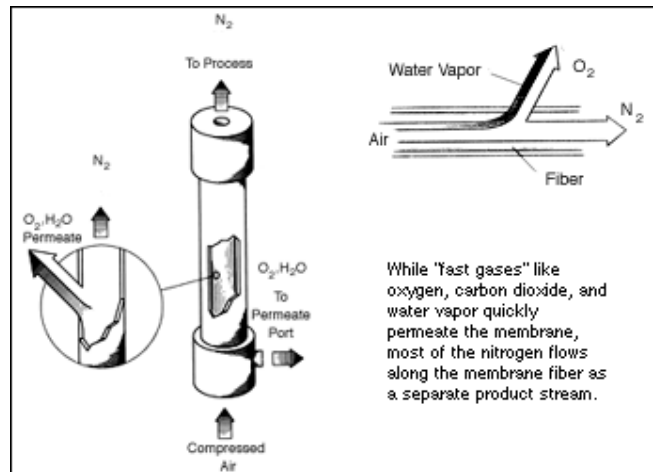
With the generator installed as described previously, disconnect the Curtain, Source and Exhaust gas outputs (**ENSURING THAT ANY INTERNAL PRESSURE HAS BEEN SAFELY DISSIPATED**), and switch the generator on. The on/off switch should illuminate and the cooling fans should start immediately. There will be a 10 second delay before the first compressor starts, then after a further 3 seconds the second compressor should also start. The three pressure gauges on the front panel will begin to climb, and after approx 3 minutes the gauges should all have reached their rated pressure of either 60 or 100 PSI.G. The output flows from the generator should now be measured to ensure they conform to the specification below.

CURTAIN	5 litres per min (ATP)	60 PSI.G
SOURCE	22 litres per min (ATP)	100 PSI.G
EXHAUST	8 litres per min (ATP)	60 PSI.G

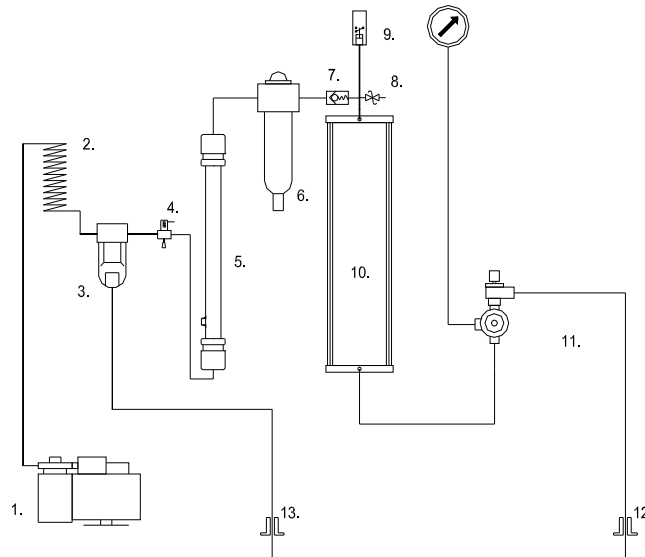
The generator should now be left to run for approx. 1 hour to allow the generator to fully flush the internal receivers etc. of air and allow the membranes to stabilize. After this time the Curtain, Source and Exhaust outputs can be re-connected and the interconnecting pipe work checked carefully for leakage.

11 Principle of Operation

Peak Scientific Instruments NM20ZA Generators utilize two different types of air preparation membranes to produce the required Gas outputs. The Nitrogen side of the generator employs “Hollow Fibre Membrane” Technology to efficiently separate Nitrogen from other gases present in ambient air. An overview of this process can be seen below.



The Zero Air side of the generator uses the latest technology in membrane dryers to produce a clean dry supply of Zero grade air. Both membranes are mounted in a similar fashion in the generator and utilize standard ancillary components to maximize the interchangeability of the systems. The standard membrane diagram can be seen below.



Membrane - Standard Diagram

Air is drawn into the system by the Compressor (1) and passed through the Cooling Coil (2) and the AFD – 3000 Micro Mist Filter (3) into the Membrane (5). After the Membrane (5) the gas is passed through a Reverse Acting Carbon Filter (6) to remove any remaining impurities and via the Non-Return Valve (Check Valve) (7) into the Receiver (10). The stored gas is regulated (11) to give the required output pressure and flow. Receiver pressure is measured (9) to allow the generator to un-load (4) and shut-down should demand cease. A Safety Relief Valve (8) is fitted to protect the system against over pressure. Gas is delivered out of the machine via the Outlet Port (12). Any moisture collected by the AFD – 3000 Micro Mist Filter (3) is expelled via the Drain Port (13).

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12 Maintenance Log

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Serial number: _____

Work Done	Remarks	Date	Name

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