

FORENSICS DETECTORS FD FD-311-Ar

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Model: FD-311-Ar

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your FORENSICS DETECTORS FD-311-Ar Argon Gas Analyzer. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the device to ensure proper function and to prevent potential hazards.

The FD-311-Ar is a portable argon gas analyzer designed for accurate detection of argon (Ar) concentrations from 0% to 100% by volume, with a resolution of 0.1%. It features a built-in pump and probe for sampling, a color display, and is calibrated to USA NIST standards, making it suitable for purity and leak testing applications.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always adhere to the following safety guidelines when operating the FD-311-Ar Argon Gas Analyzer:

- **Read Instructions:** Familiarize yourself with all instructions and warnings in this manual before use.
- **Intended Use:** Use the device only for its intended purpose of detecting argon gas. Do not attempt to detect other gases unless specified.
- **Environmental Conditions:** Operate the device within specified environmental conditions (temperature, humidity) to ensure accuracy and prevent damage.
- **Battery Safety:** Use only the specified charging cable and power adapter. Do not expose the battery to extreme temperatures or puncture it.
- **Maintenance:** Do not attempt to open or repair the device yourself. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel.
- **Calibration:** Regular calibration is crucial for maintaining accuracy. Ensure the device is calibrated according to manufacturer recommendations.
- **Probe Handling:** Handle the sampling probe carefully to avoid injury or damage.

3. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The FORENSICS DETECTORS FD-311-Ar Argon Gas Analyzer is a robust, handheld device designed for precise argon gas measurement. Key features include:

- **Detection Range:** 0-100% Argon (Ar) by volume.
- **Resolution:** 0.1% for accurate readings.
- **Sensor Type:** Advanced Thermal Conductivity Sensor with a response time of ≤ 30 seconds.
- **Sampling:** Built-in micropump and sampling probe for active gas draw.
- **Display:** Large color LCD for clear visibility of readings and status.
- **Alarms:** LED, vibration, and buzzer alarms for detected gas levels.
- **Durability:** Strong ABS housing, shock-proof, water-resistant, and dust-proof design.
- **Calibration:** USA NIST calibrated for reliability.
- **Power:** USB rechargeable lithium polymer battery.



Figure 3.1: Front view of the FD-311-Ar Argon Gas Analyzer highlighting its built-in micropump, large color display, advanced thermal conductivity sensor, strong ABS housing, 4mm barb connector, LED/vibration/buzzer alarms, rubber grip, and USB rechargeable battery.



Figure 3.2: The FD-311-Ar Argon Gas Analyzer held in hand, displaying an argon concentration of 0.0% by volume, with the sampling probe and tubing connected.

4. SETUP

Follow these steps to prepare your FD-311-Ar Argon Gas Analyzer for first use:

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove the analyzer and all accessories from the carrying case. Inspect for any visible damage. The package should include the analyzer, sampling probe, tubing, USB charging cable, and a calibration/QA certificate.
2. **Charging the Battery:** Connect the provided USB charging cable to the analyzer's charging port and plug the other end into a compatible USB power adapter (not always included) or a computer USB port. The battery indicator on the display will show charging status. Ensure the device is fully charged before initial use (approximately 4-6 hours).
3. **Attaching the Probe and Tubing:** Connect one end of the clear tubing to the 4mm barb connector on the top of the analyzer. Attach the sampling probe to the other end of the tubing. Ensure connections are

secure to prevent leaks.

4. **Initial Power-On:** Press and hold the power button (usually located on the front panel) for a few seconds until the display illuminates. The device will perform a self-test and then enter measurement mode.



Figure 4.1: The FD-311-Ar Argon Gas Analyzer, sampling probe, tubing, USB cable, and documentation neatly arranged within its protective carrying case.

5. OPERATION

Operating the FD-311-Ar for argon gas detection involves simple steps:

1. **Power On/Off:** Press and hold the power button to turn the device on or off. Allow the device to complete its startup sequence.
2. **Zero Calibration (Fresh Air):** Before taking measurements, ensure the device is in a fresh air environment (known to be free of argon) and perform a zero calibration if prompted or if readings are unstable. Refer to the on-screen menu for calibration options.
3. **Sampling:** Insert the sampling probe into the area where argon concentration needs to be measured. The built-in pump will draw the gas sample into the sensor.

4. **Reading Display:** The argon concentration (%VOL) will be displayed on the color screen. Allow sufficient time for the reading to stabilize (typically within 30 seconds).
5. **Alarm Indication:** If argon concentration exceeds preset alarm thresholds, the device will activate its LED, vibration, and audible buzzer alarms. Respond appropriately to alarm conditions.
6. **NIST Calibration:** The device arrives with USA NIST calibration. For continued accuracy, periodic re-calibration by a certified facility is recommended.



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0-100% DETECTION

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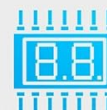
**USA NIST
Calibrated**



**0.1%
Resolution**



**Designed for
Purity & Leak**



**Color
LCD Display**

Figure 5.1: The FD-311-Ar Argon Gas Analyzer in use, demonstrating its application with precision gas mixture cylinders for calibration or testing.



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Figure 5.2: The FD-311-Ar Argon Gas Analyzer with its sampling probe connected to an inlet port of an external gas system, illustrating its use for continuous monitoring or specific point sampling.

6. MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and accuracy of your FD-311-Ar Argon Gas Analyzer:

- **Cleaning:** Wipe the exterior of the device with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents. Ensure no liquid enters the sensor or charging ports.
- **Sensor Care:** The thermal conductivity sensor is robust but should be protected from physical shock and exposure to corrosive substances. Avoid direct contact with the sensor element.
- **Battery Maintenance:** Recharge the battery regularly, even if the device is not in frequent use, to maintain battery health. Avoid fully discharging the battery for extended periods.
- **Storage:** Store the analyzer in its protective carrying case in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures when not in use.
- **Calibration:** For optimal performance and compliance, periodic re-calibration is recommended. Refer to the device's menu for calibration options or contact FORENSICS DETECTORS for service.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your FD-311-Ar Argon Gas Analyzer:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Device does not power on	Low or depleted battery; Power button not pressed long enough	Charge the battery fully; Press and hold the power button for 3-5 seconds.
Inaccurate or unstable readings	Sensor contamination; Device not zero-calibrated in fresh air; Environmental interference	Perform a fresh air zero calibration; Ensure sensor is clean; Move to a stable environment.
Pump not drawing sample	Tubing kinked or blocked; Probe clogged; Pump malfunction	Check tubing and probe for obstructions; Clean the probe; Contact support if pump issue persists.
Alarms activate unexpectedly	Presence of argon; Alarm thresholds set too low; Sensor drift	Verify argon presence; Adjust alarm settings if necessary (refer to menu); Perform calibration.

If you encounter issues not listed here or if the suggested solutions do not resolve the problem, please contact FORENSICS DETECTORS customer support for assistance.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Technical specifications for the FORENSICS DETECTORS FD-311-Ar Argon Gas Analyzer:

Brand	FORENSICS DETECTORS FD
Model Number	FD-311-Ar
Detection Gas	Argon (Ar)
Detection Range	0 - 100% VOL
Resolution	0.1%
Sensor Type	Thermal Conductivity Sensor
Response Time	≤ 30 seconds
Sampling Method	Built-in Pump & Probe
Display	Color LCD
Alarms	Audible, Visual (LED), Vibration
Power Source	Battery Powered (Lithium Polymer, rechargeable via USB)
Item Weight	1 Pounds
Product Dimensions	7 x 2 x 1.7 inches
Operating Humidity	Up to 95% (non-condensing)

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9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The FORENSICS DETECTORS FD-311-Ar Argon Gas Analyzer comes with a **1-YEAR limited warranty**. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. It does not cover damage caused by misuse, accidents, unauthorized modifications, or improper maintenance.

Each device arrives with a calibration and QA certificate, ensuring it has undergone 100% product testing and verification in the USA.

For technical support, warranty claims, or service inquiries, please contact FORENSICS DETECTORS directly through their official website or customer service channels. Provide your model number (FD-311-Ar) and purchase details when contacting support.