

Recording of nanoparticle number, mean particle size and LDSA in seconds, with **testo DiSCmini**.



You can't see them, you can't smell them, you can't taste them, and yet nanoparticles are everywhere. They occur due to natural processes, as emissions in industrial production and in energy generation, and more and more materials also have tailored properties because of them.

Nanoparticles present a special challenge for systemic research in environmental and work studies. Because of their variety of size, distribution and composition, extensive

tests are necessary to comprehensively understand and evaluate their influence on the environment and humans. The portable nanoparticle measuring instrument testo DiSCmini registers the particle number, the mean particle size in a measurement range from 10 to 300 nm, and calculates the LDSA value, the surface area of the nanoparticles deposited in the lung. Thus testo DiSCmini provides answers to a number of questions on the subject of environmental, personal and work-related protection.



The challenge.

In order to understand the formation and distribution of nanoparticles and to be able to estimate their influence on humans and the environment, numerous different measurement procedures are necessary: In cases where the distribution of particles in a certain area is to be tested, numerous measurement points need to be recorded in as short a time as possible. If one wishes to examine the timed alteration of the particle burden at a location, or to determine the source of particle emissions, as many measurement values as possible need to be obtained. If a statement on the possible effect of the nanoparticles on humans must be made, one needs to know not only the number and size of the particles, but also the probability of their being deposited in the respiratory tract.

The solution.

The nanoparticle measuring instrument testo DiSCmini brings together all these measurement procedures in a single instrument. With a time resolution of 1 second, the testo DiSCmini records the particle number and the mean particle size, providing the LDSA value, which indicates the influence on the human organism. Thanks to its small size, the low weight and the patented measurement method which functions without the need for operating materials, the instrument is always ready for use. With one or several testo DiSCmini, larger areas with a number of measurement

locations can be easily monitored and cartographed, for example in the surroundings of industrial plants or in towns with heavy traffic. Among other things, the high time resolution allows

the particle sources to be detected based on the measured data, even if there are no visible signs such as smoke or steam indicating the emission. In addition to this, the change in the number and mean particle size can be recorded over a longer period at one location. The indication of the surface area of the particles deposited in the lung (LDSA) immediately allows statements to be made on the biological burden in the human body.

The generously sized rechargeable battery is designed for an operating time of up to 8 hours. The measurement data are saved on an SD card as a CSV file, where they can be easily further processed.

The advantages at a glance.

The portable nanoparticle measuring instrument testo DiSCmini supports environmental and work science research facilities in all important questions surrounding the topic of nanoparticles:

- Simultaneous measurement of particle number, mean particle size and LDSA, with a time resolution of 1 second
- Mobile operation, without operating materials, unaffected by vibrations and independent of the position of the instrument
- Easy identification of particle sources, easy set-up of measurement grids and long-term measurements

More information.

You can get more information about the testo DiSCmini and answers to all your questions concerning nanoparticle measurement from our experts at 1-800-227-0729 or info@testo.com



The nanoparticle measuring instrument
testo DiSCmini