

# RA-915 LAB



Direct thermal decomposition laboratory  
mercury analyzer with Zeeman  
background correction



- Direct analysis of solids, liquids, and biosamples
- Low limit of detection
- Highest selectivity
- Unique analytical range
- Low maintenance, low operating costs
- Fast analysis
- Flexible operation modes
- User friendly software

## EASY-TO-USE VERSATILE INSTRUMENT FOR YOUR APPLICATIONS

Mercury is an extremely toxic, ubiquitous pollutant. There is a broad range of anthropogenic sources of mercury emissions to air and releases to water and soil. Mercury accumulates in deponent media and food chains and causes adverse effects on the environment and human health if consumed or inhaled.

The Minamata Convention on Mercury prescribes reducing mercury usage in various products and processes, monitoring and control of mercury emissions to air and releases to land and water. Formidable diversity of samples requires precise, cost effective instrument for fast, interference-free mercury analysis.

Lumex Instruments embraces the demand for accurate, reliable and easy-to-use mercury analyzer for the broadest range of applications possible and presents the new direct fully automated laboratory mercury analyzer RA-915 Lab.



RA-915 Lab without autosampler

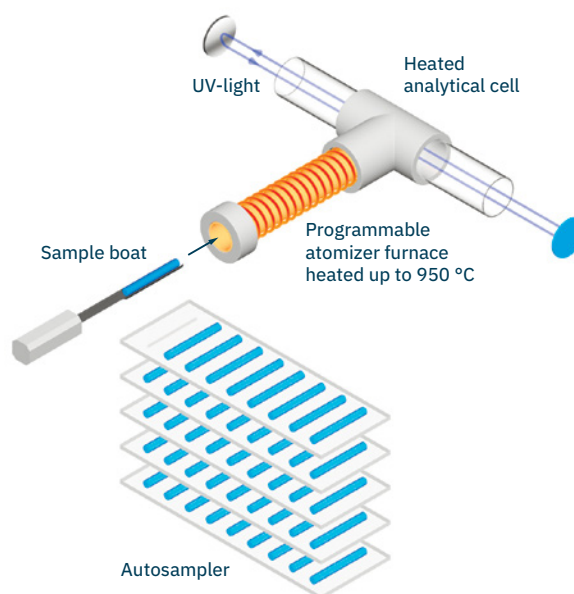
## DIRECT MEASUREMENT, OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

### Principle of operation

A weighed sample in a sample boat is introduced into the RA-915 Lab furnace by autosampler or manually. The sample is decomposed according to programmable temperature mode, and gaseous products are carried by purified air into a heated analytical cell.

The atomic absorption spectrometer with Zeeman correction for background absorption measures absorption of the 254-nm resonance radiation by mercury atoms.

The whole pathway from furnace compartment to the exhaust of the cell is heated to prevent mercury recombination with pyrolysis products such as chlorine and others. The special cell construction prevents optical windows contamination and minimizes the maintenance.



## FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- No sample pretreatment, no reagents, almost no wastes
- No compressed gases (oxygen or argon), air is used as a carrier gas
- No pre-concentration on gold traps
- Unmatched versatility – solid, semi-solid and liquid samples, any kind of sorbent traps are analyzed directly
- Fast and cost-effective analyses
- PC controlled programmable furnace temperature enables optimal decomposition mode for any kind of samples and makes study of mercury thermospeciation possible
- Automatic closed-loop temperature control function expands measurement range and prevents data loss for samples with high mercury concentration
- No memory effect: a sample with low mercury concentration can be analyzed right after one having high mercury content

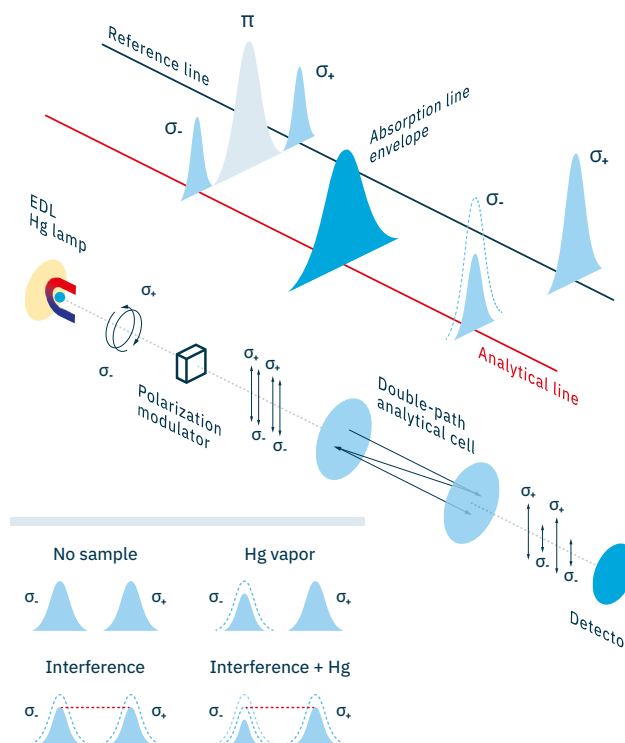
## SENSITIVE AND SELECTIVE ANALYSIS WITHOUT MATRIX EFFECTS

Lumex Instruments' state-of-the-art technology of Atomic absorption spectrometry with Zeeman correction for background absorption makes interference-free measurements easy and quick. Extended analytical range of up to 2 000 000 ppb ( $\mu\text{g/kg}$ ) covers all possible applications and samples.

A radiation source of the analyzer is placed in a strong permanent magnetic field. The mercury resonance line is split into three polarized Zeeman components. A photodetector detects only the radiation of the  $\sigma$ -components, one of those falling within the absorption line profile and another one lying outside.

When mercury is absent in the analytical cell, the radiation intensities of both  $\sigma$ -components are equal. When absorbing atoms appear in the cell, the difference between the intensities of the  $\sigma$ -components increases proportionally to number of the atoms.

The spectral shift of the  $\sigma$ -components is significantly narrower than the widths of molecular absorption bands. Therefore, the background absorption by interfering components does not affect analyzer's readings.



## APPLICATIONS

Direct determination of the mercury concentration in solids, liquids, and traps for natural gas and stack gases:

- soils, sediments;
- rocks, ores, minerals;
- crude oil, oil products, naphtha, petrochemicals;
- coal, coke, fly ash, gypsum;
- US EPA 30B, PS12B, and CEN/TS 17286 sorbent traps;
- passive air samplers;
- waste waters, wastes, sludge;
- food, nutritional additives, animal feedstuff;
- biosamples: tissues, hair, urine, blood, etc.;
- drugs and cosmetics;
- plastics, fertilizers, raw materials.

Mercury analysis with RA-915 Lab complies with globally applied standards, such as:

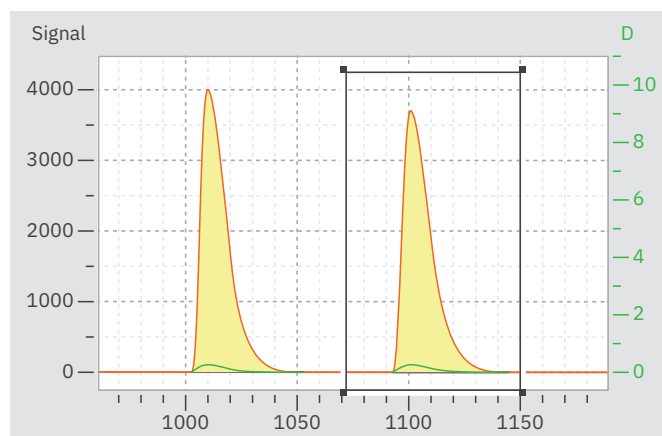
- ASTM D6722, ASTM D7622;
- US EPA methods 7473, 30B, PS12B;
- EN/TS 17286.

Ask Lumex Instruments about your specific application.

## SOFTWARE

Powerful, user-friendly **RAPID** software fully complies with FDA 21 CFR part 11 requirements.

- User level management and electronic signatures support
- Real-time visualization of selective and non-selective absorbance
- Adjustable modes for thermal decomposition of specific matrices
- Automatic closed-loop temperature control extends dynamic range and ensures no data loss due to high selective or non-selective absorbance
- Databases for storage, processing and reporting calibrations and measurement data



## SPECIFICATIONS

Measurement principle	Atomic absorption spectrometry at 254 nm with Zeeman correction of background absorption
Measurement range	0–2 000 000 ppb (mg/kg)
Detection limit	0.2 ppb (mg/kg)
RSD of the output signal (when introducing 40 ng of Hg), less than	5 %
Sample boat capacity	5 000 mg / 2 800 mL
Analyzer warm-up time, not more than	40 min
Analysis time	1–5 min
Thermoscanning range	50–950 °C
Autosampler capacity	45 samples
Power supply	110–240 V, 50–60 Hz not more than 2000 VA
Dimensions (W×D×H)	450×840×460 mm 450×490 mm footprint area 450×490×460 mm without autosampler
Weight	57 kg 40 kg without autosampler

## WARRANTY

RA-915 Lab mercury analyzer is covered by a full 1-year warranty.

## SERVICES

Installation and commissioning of RA-915 Lab mercury analyzer can be carried out at a customer site by our service engineers or by certified distributor.



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