



User Manual

O₂ Quickstick

Oxygen Analyzer



SKU 9456

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WARNING

This User Manual contains important safety information and should always be available to those personnel operating this equipment. Read, understand, and retain all instructions before operating this equipment to prevent injury or equipment damage.

Every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of the information contained within this manual; however, we retain the right to modify its contents without notice.

Under Nuvair's system of continuous improvement, certain components may be updated or changed as higher quality or more efficient parts and assemblies become available.

Nuvair will make every effort to update manuals as parts and functional aspects change. However, the look or location of components on your product may differ from those in this manual if improvements have been made that do not affect functionality or operational procedures.

Units pictured may also be equipped with different options than those on your product. In this case, the basic operational and maintenance guidelines will still apply.

If you have problems or questions after reading the manual, stop and call Nuvair at +1.805.815.4044 for information.

1. Introduction

This manual will assist you in the proper set-up, operation and maintenance of the Nuvair O₂ Quickstick Oxygen Analyzer. Be sure to read the entire manual.

1.1. Symbol Conventions

This manual uses certain words and symbols to call your attention to conditions, practices or techniques that may directly affect your safety. Pay particular attention to information introduced by the following symbols or words:

SYMBOL	MEANING	DESCRIPTION
	DANGER	Indicates an imminently hazardous situation, which if not avoided, will result in serious personal injury or death.
	CAUTION	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which if not avoided, could result in serious personal injury or death.
	WARNING	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.
	NOTICE	Notifies people of installation, operation or maintenance information which is important but not hazard related.

2. System Description



WARNING

When using the analyzer for diving applications with mixed gases other than air, you must first obtain proper instruction from a certified diving instructor with a nationally recognized training agency qualified in mixed gas diving. Improper use of this analyzer may result in incorrect gas analysis which can lead to serious personal injury or death.



WARNING

Although the analyzer is a rugged instrument, careless handling or abuse may result in damage to the analyzer resulting in inaccurate gas analysis. Inaccurate gas analysis can lead to serious personal injury or death.



WARNING

Breathing gas must always be analyzed by two separate analyzers, with one used for gas production and one used for analysis after production. Never depend on a single analyzer during both gas production and delivery. If analyzer readings do not agree, both units must be recalibrated. Inaccurate gas analysis can lead to serious personal injury or death.

The Nuvair O₂ Quickstick oxygen analyzer is designed to measure oxygen levels directly from high-pressure cylinders in the range 0.1-100.0% oxygen. No sampling hoses or accessories are necessary. The O₂ Quickstick is designed as a quick check device to test and verify that previous readings with another analyzer are correct. It is a water-resistant, drop-resistant, self-contained unit designed specifically for the sport and technical diving industry.

The O₂ Quickstick uses a digital display with low power consumption, and an Off-On-Calibration knob. Power is provided by a user-replaceable standard alkaline 9-volt battery. The analyzer uses an electrochemical oxygen sensor to measure O₂ content in gases. The sensor is disposable and user-replaceable, with a life expectancy of up to 36 months depending on usage.



3. Calibration



WARNING

Oxygen analyzers must be calibrated before each use. Improper calibration may result in the use of incorrect breathing gas mixtures, which may cause serious injury or death to the person using the gas mixture.



WARNING

Calibration or use of the analyzer with a low battery may result in inaccurate readings. Inaccurate gas analysis can lead to serious personal injury or death.



NOTICE

If the analyzer has been subjected to a recent severe change in ambient temperature, allow it to stabilize for ten minutes before calibration.



WARNING

When analyzer calibration is performed at different atmospheric conditions than the gas being measured, a calibration correction value may be required. Improper calibration may result in the use of incorrect breathing gas mixtures, which may cause serious injury or death to the person using the gas mixture.

Calibration should always be performed at the same temperature and humidity conditions as the gas being measured. This is not always possible, for example, in a tropical environment where dry breathing gas from a high-pressure scuba cylinder will be measured after analyzer calibration has been performed in the warm, humid ambient air. Under these conditions a calibration correction value may be required, as detailed in the Appendix, or dry air must be used for calibration.



WARNING

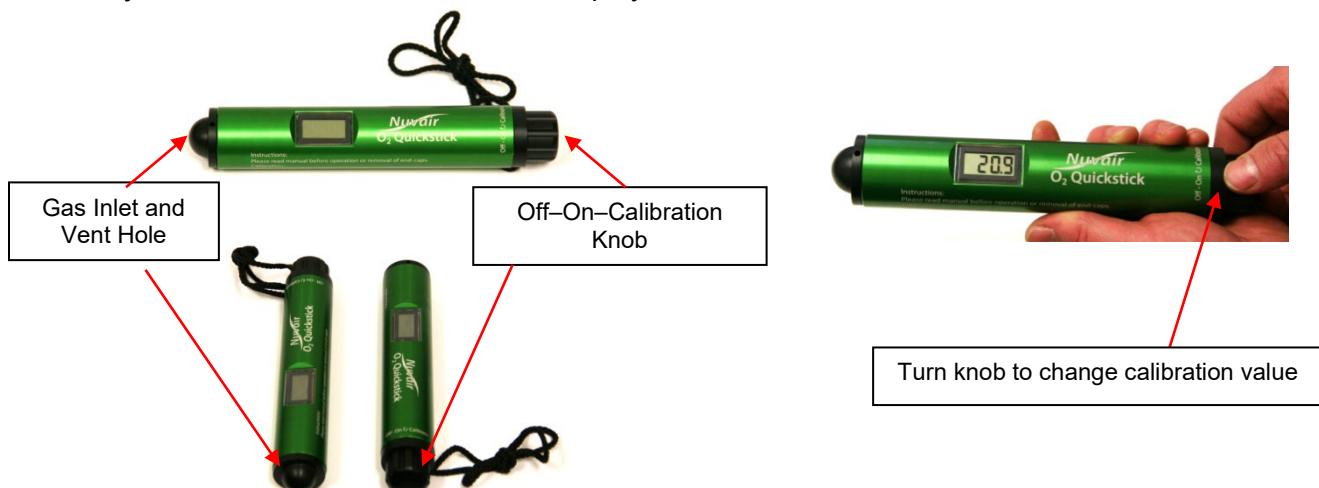
Obtain proper training before attempting special calibration procedures. Improper calibration may result in the use of incorrect breathing gas mixtures, which may cause serious injury or death to the person using the gas mixture.

Calibration in air at sea level is suitable for many applications; however, the closer the oxygen content of the calibration gas is to the gas being tested, the more accurate the measurement results. **The following applications require special training and calibration procedures beyond the scope of this manual:**

- Analysis of gases containing greater than 50% oxygen requiring calibration with pure oxygen or certified calibration gas

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- Analysis of gases at altitudes above sea level requiring correction for reduced atmospheric pressure
- Air calibration is essential before every use and should be performed in the environment that the reading will be taken.
- Turn the Knob CLOCKWISE to turn the unit on and adjust the calibration value up.
- The calibration adjustment is the only user adjustable control on the O₂ Quickstick.
- Expose the analyzer to fresh air for two minutes or until the reading on the display has stabilized.
- Adjust the calibration knob until the display reads **20.9% in ambient air**.



4. Operation

- Open the cylinder valve slowly until a slight hiss can be heard.
- Hold the sensor end of O₂ Quickstick (the end without the lanyard) against the valve opening so that the nitrox mixture passes over the oxygen sensor. Be careful not to block the exhaust ports on the side.
- The reading should stabilize in 15 seconds or less and the display reading taken.
- If you cannot obtain a stable reading, check that you still have a very gentle flow of gas and repeat. If you still cannot obtain a stable reading, see Troubleshooting section or use another analyzer.
- Note that after a few seconds of the gas flow being stopped the reading will begin to change towards the level in the surrounding air of 20.9% O₂.



O₂ Quickstick in use.

**NOTICE**

There is no need to recalibrate the unit after analyzing a gas flow. Simply move to the next gas source or allow the reading to stabilize at 20.9% in ambient air.

The Nuvair O₂ Quickstick dome-shaped end cover is designed to restrict gas flow to the sensor. If the tank valve and analyzer are not properly operated, sensor damage or false readings can occur.

**DANGER**

Never expose gas sensors to pressure or you may cause damage and/or false readings. Damaged sensors will not provide accurate gas analysis. Most gas analyzers can be used to analyze a regulated gas sample flow, the contents of a gas cylinder, or the flow from a regulator. The flow rate of gas must equal 1-5 L/min. To produce this flow, a Flow Restrictor and Regulator may be required. A faulty Flow Restrictor can lead to a false analyzer reading. Flow Restrictors should be regularly tested with a Flow Meter. Inaccurate gas analysis can lead to serious personal injury or death.

**WARNING**

Gas, even under moderate pressures, can cause extreme bodily harm. Never allow any gas stream to be directed at any part of your body.

5. Maintenance

- Your O₂ Quickstick should give you three years continuous operation with proper care before needing sensor replacement.
- The O₂ Quickstick warranty is 12 months. Additional warranties apply. Please see Section 11 for full warranty information.
- Should you have operational issues at any time, please contact Nuvair technical support at +1.805.815.4044 for assistance and trouble shooting.
- To clean the O₂ Quickstick, use a damp soft cloth.
- Although designed to be water-resistant, the O₂ Quickstick should not be intentionally immersed in liquid or left outside unprotected.
- The O₂ Quickstick is built to resist the effects of day to day shocks and drops but remember it is a precision oxygen analyzer and should be looked after carefully to give long trouble-free service.
- Protect the O₂ Quickstick from long periods of direct sunlight and do not subject it to high or low temperature extremes.
- **Battery Replacement:** To replace the battery, gently push and remove the On-Off-Calibration end cap. See Figures 1 & 2 (next page) for proper technique. Gently pull the battery out from the O₂ Quickstick housing. Replace with new battery and reassemble.



**WARNING**

Be careful not to pull too hard, as you can separate the wires from the end cap and damage the Quickstick. Should you separate the wires from the end cap, return the Quickstick to Nuvair for repair.

DO NOT ATTEMPT THIS REPAIR ON YOUR OWN!

**NOTICE**

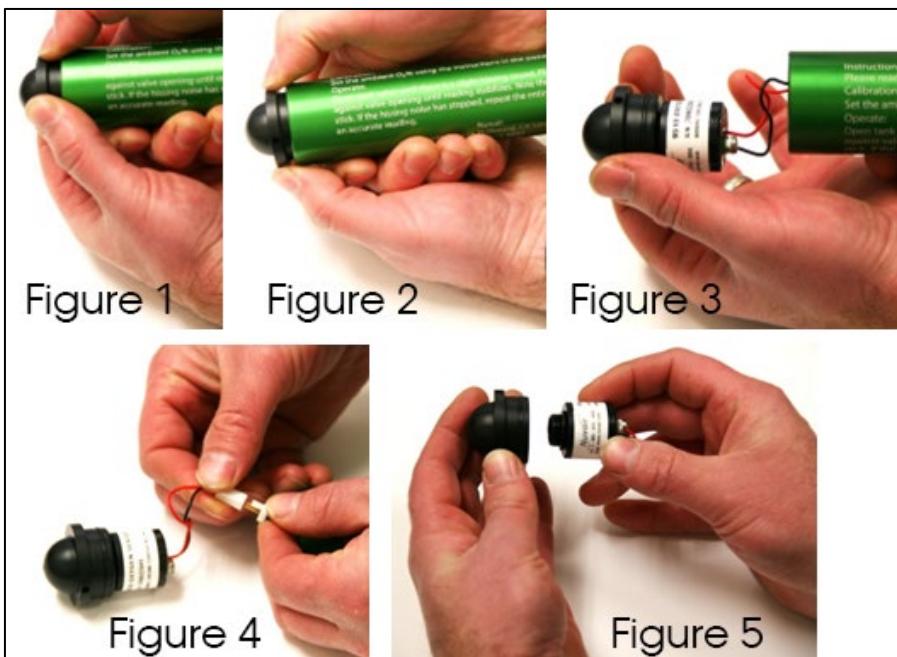
Be sure to dispose of spent, leaking, or damaged batteries properly, according to local regulations.

5.1. Sensor Replacement

To replace the sensor, gently push and remove the end cover with thumb (the side without the lanyard). See Figures 1 and 2. Disconnect the 2-pin sensor plug/socket and unscrew the complete sensor unit in a counterclockwise direction. See Figures 4 and 5. Replace with a new sensor and reassemble unit.

**CAUTION**

Be sure to dispose of spent, leaking, or damaged oxygen sensors properly, according to local regulations.

**DANGER**

Do not swallow (ingest) either the electrolyte from the oxygen sensor or the sensor itself. The potassium hydroxide chemical contained in the sensor can cause severe injury or death. If electrolyte or the sensor is swallowed, seek medical attention immediately.

**WARNING**

If after handling the oxygen analyzer or sensor, you find that your fingers or other parts of your body feel "slippery" or the skin or eyes sting, immediately flush affected area with clean, fresh water for at least 15 minutes. The stinging or slippery sensation is an indication of a leaking Sensor. The potassium hydroxide chemical contained in the

sensor can cause severe injury or death. Seek immediate medical attention if eye contact is made or skin stinging persists.

6. Handling Sensors

Replacement sensors are supplied in sealed bags. Normally sensors do not present a health hazard. Before opening the bag, check that the electrolyte has not leaked. However, if electrolyte leakage has occurred, do not open bag. Dispose of sensor properly or return for replacement.

If electrolyte leakage occurs while the sensor is in service, use rubber gloves and chemical splash goggles for handling. Rinse contaminated surfaces thoroughly with water.

7. Electrolyte First Aid Procedures

- Ingestion: Drink a large volume of fresh water. Do not induce vomiting. Get immediate medical attention.
- Eye Contact: Flush eyes with clean, fresh water for at least 15 minutes and get medical help immediately.
- Skin Contact: Flush the affected area with clean, fresh water for at least 15 minutes and remove contaminated clothing. If stinging persists get medical attention.

8. Spares

Order replacement Sensor Part - SKU 9510.



9. Troubleshooting

SYMPTOM	REASON	SOLUTION
Battery symbol	Low Battery	Change the battery
No display	Switched off Bad connection	Switch on Check display connection Check battery connection
Zero reading	Sensor disconnected Sensor expired	Check connection Change sensor
Reading erratic	Pressure on sensor Radio transmission Sensor old or faulty Condensation on sensor.	Check flow Move unit away Change sensor Dry in air
Reading does not change when calibration knob is turned	Faulty connections Sensor failure	Check connections Change sensor
Display segments missing	Display faulty	Return to dealer
Will not calibrate	Sensor faulty Sensor not in air High altitude	Change sensor Check flow adapter Use altitude calibration procedure *
Reading drifts	Rapid temperature change	Stabilize temperature & recalibrate

*Contact Nuvair for more information.

10. Appendix

10.1. Calibration Correction Values for Temperature and Humidity

Oxygen analyzer calibration should always be performed at the same temperature and humidity conditions as the gas being measured. Where this is not possible, a calibration correction value may be required. A common example is a tropical environment where dry breathing gas from a high-pressure scuba cylinder will be measured after analyzer calibration has been performed in the warm, humid ambient air.

To determine if a calibration correction value is required, you must first know the temperature and relative humidity of the air in which calibration will be performed. Using the chart below, find the atmospheric oxygen percent value corresponding to your temperature and relative humidity. If the oxygen percent value falls in the shaded portion of the chart, calibrate the analyzer to the corrected chart value.

To use the correction value, follow the standard calibration procedure except as follows:

OXYGEN COMPENSATION CHART FOR MOISTURE IN THE ATMOSPHERE										
ATMOSPHERE OXYGEN PERCENT IN RELATION TO TEMPERATURE AND RELATIVE HUMIDITY										
TEMPERATURE (°F) -->	32	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
TEMPERATURE (°C) -->	0	4	10	16	21	27	32	38	43	49
RELATIVE HUMIDITY (%)	ATMOSPHERIC OXYGEN PERCENT (% O ₂)									
10	20.9	20.9	20.9	20.9	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.7	20.7
20	20.9	20.9	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.7	20.6	20.5	20.4
30	20.9	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.7	20.7	20.6	20.5	20.4	20.2
40	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.7	20.7	20.6	20.5	20.4	20.2	19.9
50	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.7	20.6	20.5	20.4	20.2	20.0	19.7
60	20.8	20.8	20.7	20.7	20.6	20.5	20.3	20.1	19.8	19.5
70	20.8	20.8	20.7	20.6	20.5	20.4	20.2	19.9	19.6	19.2
80	20.8	20.8	20.7	20.6	20.5	20.3	20.1	19.8	19.5	19.0
90	20.8	20.7	20.7	20.6	20.4	20.3	20.0	19.7	19.3	18.7
100	20.8	20.7	20.6	20.5	20.4	20.2	19.9	19.5	19.1	18.5
H ₂ O at 100% RH	0.6	0.8	1.2	1.8	2.5	3.4	4.7	6.5	8.6	11.5

If the Temperature and Relative Humidity axis meet in the shaded part of the chart, calibrate to the chart O₂ level or with dry air to maintain 0.5% O₂ accuracy in NITROX.

- Make sure oxygen sensor is exposed to the ambient temperature and humidity corresponding to the correction value.
- Adjust the calibration adjustment screw to achieve a display reading equal to the correction value.
- Once you have calibrated the analyzer for temperature and humidity using the, your readings for gas analysis should be correct with no further adjustment.
- Recalibrate analyzer for any changes in temperature or humidity of the ambient environment or the gas being analyzed.

Note that the calibration correction value is never used when the temperature and humidity conditions of the gas being measured are the same as the conditions during calibration.

10.2. Specifications

Range:	0.5–2 L/min
Display Accuracy:	0.1%
Sensor Type:	Electrochemical
Expected Sensor Life, Room Air:	36 Months
Power:	9-volt Alkaline Battery
Response Time:	Less Than 6 Seconds to 90% of Final Value
Operating Temperature:	32–104°F (0–40°C)
Storage Temperature:	32–122°F (0–50°C)
Pressure:	Sensitive to Partial Pressure
Humidity:	0–99% rh (Non-Condensing)

Note: All specifications are at ambient / sea level, 77°F (25°C)

11. Nuvair O₂ Quickstick Warranty

Nuvair extends a limited warranty, which warrants the O₂ Quickstick to be free from defects in materials and workmanship under normal use and service for a one year (12 months).

The O₂ Quickstick sensor is warranted according to the pro-rated terms as set forth below. This warranty is non-transferable.

Nuvair will, at its discretion and according to the terms as set forth within, replace or repair any materials which fail under normal use and service and do not exhibit any signs of improper maintenance, misuse, accident, alteration, weather damage, tampering, or use for any other than the intended purpose. Determination of failure is the responsibility of Nuvair, which will work together with the customer to adequately address warranty issues. When any materials are repaired or replaced during the warranty period, they are warranted only for the remainder of the original warranty period. This warranty shall be void and Nuvair shall have no responsibility to repair or replace damaged materials resulting directly or indirectly from the use of repair or replacement parts not approved by Nuvair.

Prorated Terms:

Nuvair warrants the oxygen sensor for a period of twenty-four (24) months from date of purchase. The warranty covers the sensor only and is prorated as follows:

• 0–12 Months	Free Replacement
• 13–18 Months	50% Off Replacement
• 19–24 Months	25% Off Replacement

A warranty registration card, supplied with system documentation, must be filled out and submitted to Nuvair for the warranty to be registered. If the warranty registration card is not received within ten (10) days of purchase, the warranty will begin with the date of manufacture by Nuvair.

Third-Party Reseller Gas Analyzer & Sensor Warranty Period

Many Nuvair products are available through third-party resellers, including retail stores, distributors, Amazon.com, and other e-commerce sites. For gas analyzers and replacement sensors purchased

from this distribution network, the warranty period begins on the date of manufacture. However, when purchased directly from Nuvair.com, the warranty starts on the purchase date.

Why? Because many gas analyzer sensors contain chemical cells similar to battery cells, which have a limited lifespan. Nuvair takes extra care to ship only recently manufactured sensors and analyzers, ensuring the longest possible lifespan when purchased directly from Nuvair.com.

Limitation of Warranty and Liability

Repair, replacement, or refund in the manner and within the time provided shall constitute Nuvair's sole liability and the Purchaser's exclusive remedy resulting from any nonconformity or defect. Nuvair shall not in any event be liable for any damages, whether based on contract, warranty, negligence, strict liability or otherwise, including without limitation any consequential, incidental, or special damages, arising with respect to the equipment or its failure to operate, even if Nuvair has been advised of the possibility thereof. Nuvair makes no other warranty or representation of any kind, except that of title, and all other warranties, express or implied, including warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, are hereby expressly disclaimed. No salesperson or other representative of Nuvair has authority to make any warranties.

Maintenance Items

Any materials which are consumed or otherwise rendered not warrantable due to processes applied to them, are considered expendable and are not covered under the terms of this policy. This includes the 9-volt battery used in the O₂ Quickstick.

Return Policy

Application for the warranty service can be made by contacting Nuvair during regular business hours and requesting a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number. Materials that are found to be defective must be shipped, freight pre-paid, to the Nuvair office in Oxnard, California (USA). Upon inspection and determination of failure, Nuvair shall exercise its options under the terms of this policy. Warranty serviced materials will be returned to the customer via Nuvair's preferred shipping method, at Nuvair's expense. Any expedited return shipping arrangements to be made at the customer's expense must be specified in advance.



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