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RETURN OF GOODS TO MANUFACTURER

If equipment needs to be returned to Ludlum Measurements, Inc. for repair or calibration, please send to the address below. All shipments should include documentation containing return shipping address, customer name, telephone number, description of service requested, and all other necessary information. Your cooperation will expedite the return of your equipment.

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1. GENERAL

The Model 243 and the Model 243-2, along with a pulse height analyzer system, is used for gamma ray assay and wipe test analysis. The Model 243 is shielded with a 1.3 cm (0.5 in) of lead to improve sensitivity by reducing background and other external radiation.

The Model 243 detector is an integrated 4.4 cm (1.75 in) diameter by 5.1 cm (2 in) thick NaI (Tl) crystal scintillator optically coupled to a 5.1 cm (2 in.) diameter, 10-stage photo-multiplier tube. The Model 243-2 detector is an integrated 5.1 x 5.1 cm (2 x 2 in) thick NaI (Tl) crystal scintillator optically coupled to a 5.1 cm (2 in) diameter, 10-stage photomultiplier tube.

Note:

The size of the crystal and the efficiency noted in the specifications being the only difference between the Model 243 and the Model 243-2, this manual will refer to the two instruments as the "Model 243."

The Model 243 uses a series "C" connector for both signal and high-voltage lines. Pulse height analyzer systems having separate signal and HV connectors will require a signal splitter box (Model 297 or equivalent).

2. UNPACKING AND REPACKING

Warning:

The well detector contains a fragile crystal and may be damaged by a shock or direct impact.

Warning:

If the instrument has to be returned, it must be disassembled and packaged sufficiently to prevent damage.

Remove the calibration certificate or detector functional check certificate and place it in a secure location. Remove the detector(s) and accessories (if applicable) and ensure that all items on the packing list are in the carton. If multiple detectors are included, refer to the calibration certificates for the serial number (SN) matches. To return an instrument or detector for repair or calibration, provide sufficient packing material to prevent damage during shipment, and affix appropriate warning labels to promote careful handling.

Every returned instrument must be accompanied by an **Instrument Return Form**, which can be downloaded from the Ludlum website at <u>www.ludlums.com</u>. Find the form by clicking the "Support" tab and selecting "Repair and Calibration" from the drop-down menu. Then choose the appropriate Repair and Calibration division where you will find a link to the form.

3. ASSEMBLY AND DISASSEMBLY

Note:

This instrument is shipped disassembled to prevent damage.

Tools Required:

• Large flat blade screwdriver

When the Model 243 is unpacked, there will be three pieces (as shown in the picture below):

- 1. The well detector with a foam ring around it
- 2. The main cap
- 3. The lead shield assembly



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ASSEMBLY:

- 1. Turn the Model 243 lead shield assembly upside down.
- 2. Remove three each $10-32 \times 1$ inch screws from the base.
- 3. Remove the base and the bottom foam pad.
- 4. Carefully place the well detector inside the lead shield.





5. Place the bottom foam pad on top of the well detector and replace the rear cap and base, as well as the three screws.





6. Turn the instrument right side up and place the foam ring around the well detector, and then place the main cap on top.





DISASSEMBLY:

- 1. Turn the Model 243 probe and shield assembly upside down
- 2. Remove three each $10-32 \times 1$ inch screws from the base.
- 3. Remove the Model 243 base and bottom foam pad.

4. Carefully remove the well detector from the lead shield assembly. (Be aware that some well detectors may be wrapped with foam padding and may not come out easily.)

4. SPECIFICATIONS

DETECTOR: Model 243-Integral line 4.4 x 5.1 cm (1.8 x 2 in.) (Dia x thickness) NaI (Tl) scintillator

Model 243-2-Integral line 5.1 x 5.1 cm (2 x 2 in.) (Dia x thickness) NaI (Tl) scintillator

WELL SIZE: 1.7 x 3.9 cm (0.66 x 1.6 in.) (Dia x D)

SCINTILLATOR CONSTRUCTION: 0.025 cm (0.010 in.) thick aluminum well

LEAD SHIELDING: 1.3 cm (0.5 in.) thick lead with removable cap

EFFICIENCY (4 π): **Model 243:** 65% for ¹²⁹I; 80% for ¹²⁵I; 33% for ¹³⁷Cs; 43% for ⁶⁰Co, 90% for ^{99m}Tc **Model 243-2:** 41% for ⁵⁷Co

DETECTOR OPERATING VOLTAGE: 500-1200 Vdc

SIZE: Base: 20.3 x 20.3 cm (8 x 8 in.) (L x W) Body: 8.9 x 27.9 cm (3.5 x 11 in.) (Dia x H)

BACKGROUND: 1000 cpm or less in a 10mR/hr field (optional one-half inch sleeve for background reduction, part no. 7379-044)

WEIGHT: 18.1 kg (40 lb); shipping weight is 20.4 kg (45 lb)

<u>Ref. No.</u>	Description	<u>Part No.</u>
Unit	Completely Assembled Model 243 Shielded Well Scintillator	47-1621
*	M 243 HV SIGNAL SPLITTER ASSY (Optional-For use w/Analyzers w/separate signal & HV connectors)	4379-038
*	4.4 x 5.1 cm (1.75 x 2 in.) Integral Line Detector 01-5130	
*	5.1 cm (2 in.) Tube Socket Board	5002-934
*	Model 243 Shield Assembly	2379-008
*	Model 243 Main Cap	7002-046-03
*	Model 243 Foam Ring	7090-015
*	Model 243 Rear Cap	7379-009

5. MODEL 243 PARTS LIST

*	Model 243 Base	7379-010
*	Bottom Foam Pad	7260-001-05
*	"C" Connector UG706/U	4478-011
*	Bumper-Rubber Keystone	21-9276

6. MODEL 243-2 PARTS LIST

<u>Ref. No.</u>	Description	<u>Part No.</u>
Unit	Completely Assembled Model 243-2 Shielded Scintillator	47-3276
*	M 243 HV SIGNAL SPLITTER ASSY (Optional-For use w/Analyzers w/separate signal & HV connectors)	4379-038
*	5.1 x 5.1 cm (2 x 2 in.) Integral Line Detector	
		01-5136
*	5.1 cm (2 in.) Tube Socket Board	5002-934
*	Model 243 Shield Assembly	2379-008
*	Model 243 Main Cap	7002-046-03
*	Model 243 Conn. Holder	7379-003
*	Model 243 Cover	7379-004
*	Model 243 Rear Cap	7379-009
*	Model 243 Base	7379-010
*	Bottom Foam Pad	7260-001-05
*	"C" Connector UG706/U	4478-011
*	Black Bumper	21-9376

7. DRAWING AND DIAGRAMS

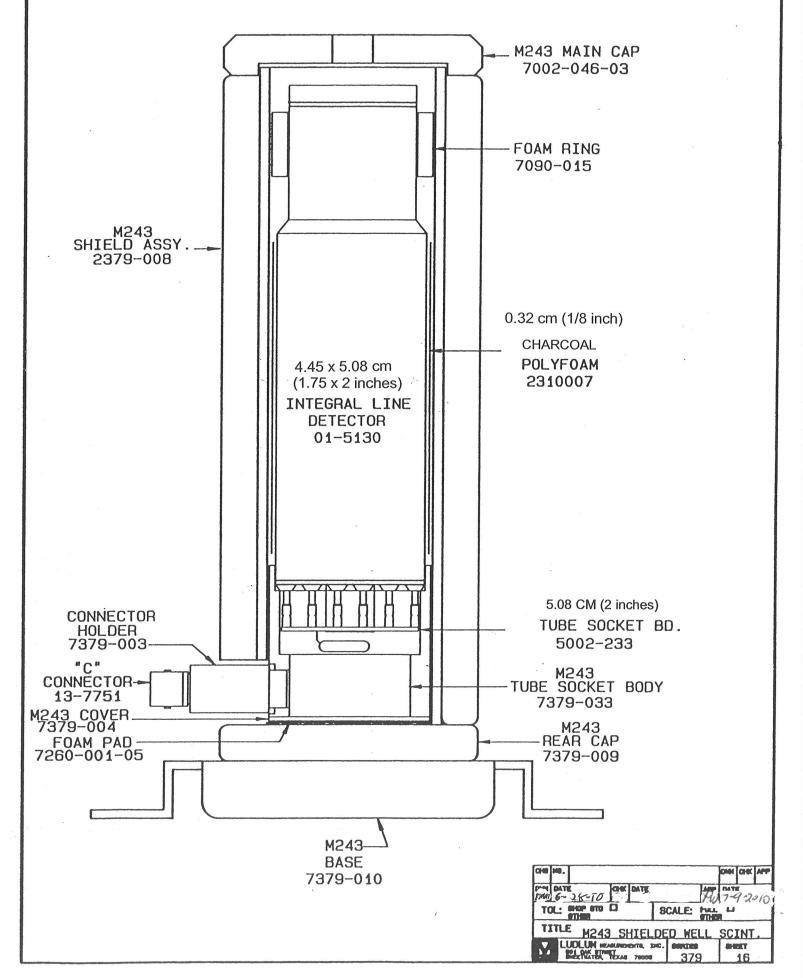
Assembly View Model 243, Drawing 379 x 16

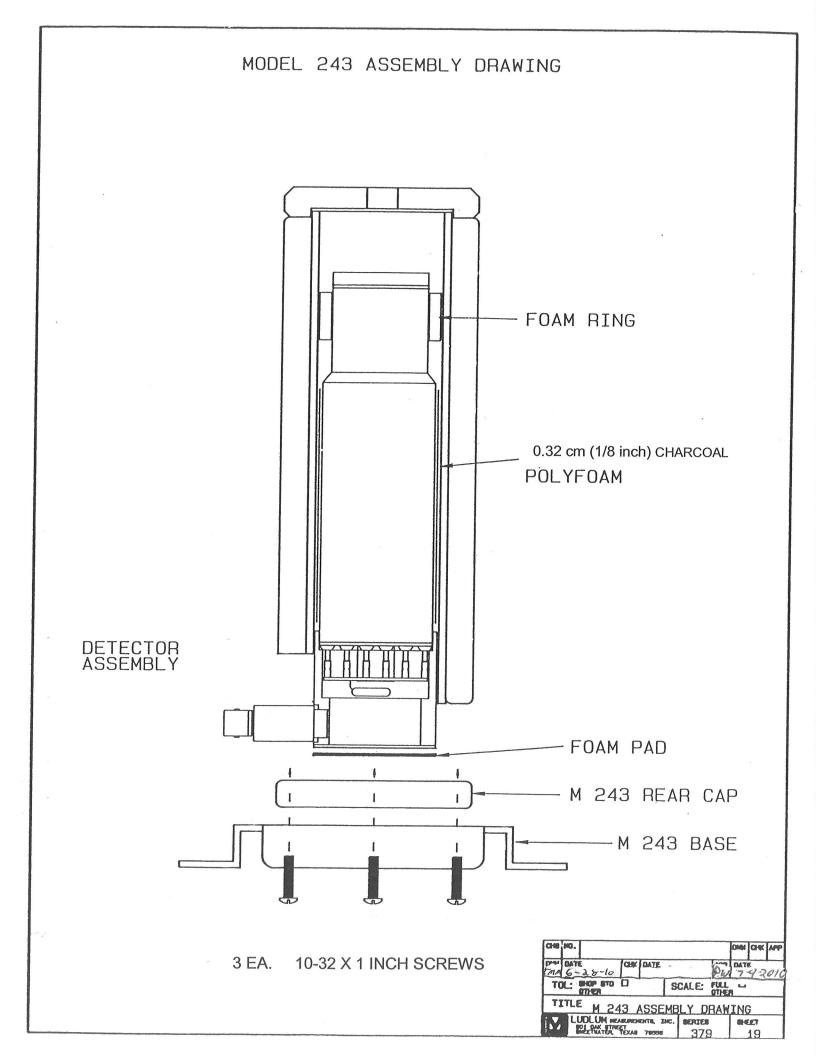
Detector Assembly Model 243, Drawing 379 x 19

5.1 cm (2 in.) Voltage Divider 5002-934, Drawing 2 x 934

5.1 cm (2 in.) Voltage Divider 5002-934 Component Layout, Drawing 2 x 935A (2 sheets)







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