GR1-A[®] and GR1[®]

Now with flexible functionality to meet specialist requirements



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Compact high-resolution gamma ray detection and nuclide identification

Main features:

Common to GR1 - GR1-A

- High spectral resolution
- High efficiency
- Compact
- Simple to use
- CZT solid state detector
- USB Powered
- Low power consumption

GR1-A specific

- Operational flexibility
- MCX connectors
- Analogue energy output
- Timing output
- MCA gate input



GR1-A[®] and GR1[®] the World's Smallest and Highest Resolution Room Temperature Gamma-Ray Spectrometers

The **GR1**[®] and **GR1-A**[®] high-performance gamma-ray spectrometers utilize a 1 cm³ CZT solid state detector and offer world-leading specification in a compact form.

Both are completely self-contained, with a built-in preamplifier, shaping amplifier, baseline restorer, pulse height digitizer, and HV supply. The digitized pulse heights of detected gamma-ray signals are sent to a PC via the mini-USB which also powers the unit, so no external power supply is required.

The **GR1**[®] comes with K-Spect[®], Kromek's entry-level Windows[®]-based (7, 8, and 10) software, built for detailed sample and spectral analysis. K-Spect, which is available to download, free of charge, via the Kromek website, provides the spectrum acquisition, display, analysis, and storage functions.

The **GR1-A**[®] is the advanced model of the GR1[®], containing auxiliary input/outputs that greatly increase operational flexibility. These allow the GR1-A[®] to be tailored for specific applications in nuclear research and academia. Three MCX connectors provide energy and timing outputs and gate inputs.

The GR1-A[®] is supplied with a licence for MultiSpect Analysis[®] software, a unique application that allows connection of multiple GR1-As to a PC, and has the ability to display multiple spectra; both live and saved, from previous measurements. It provides the spectrum acquisition, display and storage functions, and the export of data for further analysis as well as match spectra to a pre-loaded library of over 400 radionuclides.



Energy Output: shaped and buffered detector output pulses with amplitude proportional to energy suitable as input to an external multichannel analyser (MCA)

Timing Output: A logic pulse triggered by each detected event and coincident with each output pulse

Gate Input: used to suppress pulse height output via the USB interface to K-Spect for anticoincidence. Energy and timing outputs are unaffected.



Health Physics



InSitu Monitoring



Nuclear Spectroscopy



Nuclear Industry



Specifications

Common to GR1 / GR1-A:					
Detector	10x10x10mm CZT detector				
Energy range	30 keV to 3.0 MeV				
Energy resolution	<2.5% FWHM @ 662 keV				
FWTM/FWHM ratio	<2.4				
Electronic noise	<10 keV				
Maximum throughput (USB)	30,000 cps				
Number of channels	4096 (12 bit)				
Differential non-linearity	< ± 1%				
Power consumption	250 mW				
Dimensions	25mm x 25mm x 63mm				
Weight	60 gram				
Temperature range	0 to +40°C				

Specific to GR1-A:

Energy Output	Rise time	3 µs		
	Decay time	10 µs		
	Output impedance	< 150 Ω		
	Maximum throughput (analogue)	50,000 cps		
Timing Output	Shape	TTL compatible rectangular pulse		
	Amplitude	5.0 V		
	Duration	8 µs		
	Output impedance	< 150 Ω		
	Timing Resolution	< 100 ns		
Gate Input	Threshold	3 V		
	Maximum input voltage	5 V		
	Input impedance	10 kΩ		
	Timing	Input must be above threshold from at least 0.5μ s before the energy signal maximum to at least 2μ s after it.		

Note: In the absence of any connection the gate input is held low and all pulses are processed normally.

Tested by the National Physical Laboratory in accordance with the conditions in;

ANSI N42.31 (2003) "Measurement procedures for resolution and efficiency of wide-bandgap semiconductor detectors of ionizing radiation"

ANSI N42.34 (2006) Section 7.1 "Performance criteria for hand-held instruments for the detection and identification of radionuclides"

BS EN 62327:2011 Section 9.6 "Hand-held instruments for the detection and identification of radionuclides and for the indication of ambient dose equivalent rate from photon radiation"

NPL Good Practice Guide No. 14 "The examination, testing and calibration of portable radiation protection instruments"

Environmental: meets or exceeds: EN55011:1998 +A1:1999 +A2:2002 (Radiated Emissions), EN61000-4-2:1995 +A1:1998 + A2:2001 (Immunity to ESD), EN61000-4-3:2002 (Radiated Immunity)

Gamma Spectrometry Software

MultiSpect Analysis® software is written specifically for Kromek's GR1[®] and GR1-A[®] for use with Windows[®]-based (7, 8, 10) PCs or tablets.

The GR1[®] comes with **K-Spect**[®], Kromek's entry-level software which

- is free of charge to download. Go to http://bit.ly/KSPECT
- Scroll down and enter your details
- Kromek will send you an email with the download instructions.

K-Spect[®] receives the data and performs the spectrum acquisition, display, analysis and storage functions. Signals from the CZT solid-state detector are processed and digitized, and the pulse height data is transferred to the computer via the mini-USB.

K-Spect[®] users can upgrade to MultiSpect Analysis[®] or MultiSpect Analysis Premium[®]. To upgrade, simply contact our commercial team via the Kromek website.



MultiSpect Analysis® is Kromek's featurerich software and a licence is included with each GR1-A®. To download go to:

- http://bit.ly/MSAdownload
- Scroll down and enter your details
- Kromek will send you an email with the download instructions.

In addition to all the K-Spect[®] functionality, MultiSpect Analysis[®] allows users to acquire and display live spectra from multiple devices simultaneously alongside saved spectra from previous measurements. Data is transferred to the computer via USB. It also enables grouping and summing of individual spectra plus the ability to match spectra to an on-board library of over 400 nuclides.

MultiSpect Analysis Premium[®] provides the added benefit of efficiency calibration to enable quantitative analysis ideally suited to data collected in any fixed geometry such as marinelli beakers.

Manual Efficiency Calibration

Where the detector and radioactive sources are used in a fixed geometry, an efficiency calibration of the system can be used, together with the measured count rates in spectrum peaks, to calculate source activity. Tools are provided allowing the user to determine the efficiency of their system using a calibration source of known activity.



Filter by critical limit, relative intensity of the emission lines, energy windows and half life.

Colour coded results showing which lines are above the critical limit of the information.

Feature	K-Spect	MultiSpect Analysis	MultiSpect Premium
Spectral acquisition from single GR1, GR1-A, SIGMA or TN15	1	1	1
Spectral acquisition from multiple detectors of the same type simultaneously	×	1	√
Energy calibration facility	1	√	1
Efficiency calibration	x	x	4
Display multiple detector information and more than 5 saved Spectra	×	1	1
Display calibrated spectra at the same energy scales to allow comparison	×	1	1
Compatible with K102 Multichannel Analyser	1	1	1
Thumbnail indication of loaded spectra	1	√	1
Ability to save spectra in SPE, CSV or N42.42 formats	1	1	1
Ability to export data	1	✓	√
Ability to save detector calibration information	1	1	1
Association of calibration data with particular detectors by serial number	4	1	4
Aggregation of multiple spectra into one spectrum	×	1	1
Built in library of 416 isotopes	×	√	✓
Industry standard categorisation of isotopes	×	1	1
Import from RayMon10	×	1	1
Multiple regions of interest with Spectra	1	1	1
Automated peak analysis of Spectra	×	1	1
Quantitative analysis	x	x	1

Drivers are available for both Windows® (7, 8, & 10) and Linux® operating systems

GR1 Family variants	Detector size mm	Resolution at 662 keV	USB	Gate input	Timing output	Energy output	Software included
GR1	10x10x10	<2.5%	1	-	-	-	
GR1+	10x10x10	<2.0%	1	-	-	-	
GR1-A	10x10x10	<2.5%	1	1	1	1	MultiSpect Analysis
GR1-A+	10x10x10	<2.0%	1	1	1	1	MultiSpect Analysis
GR05	5x5x5	<2.5%	1	-	-	-	
GR05+	5x5x5	<2.0%	1	-	-	-	

K-Spect is compatible with all products and is available to download free of charge from the Kromek website

The GR1 is available with Linux[®] driver and can be interfaced with other software packages; driver information can be provided as part of the project deliverables for selected partners.

3x MCX to BNC adaptors included with GR1-A products

Example applications of the GR1 / GR1-A

- Radionuclide identification: The GR1 and MultiSpect Analysis provide a powerful platform to perform radionuclide identification in a variety of industrial and health physics applications such as environmental monitoring and sample analysis.
- Classroom teaching: The GR1 module is an ideal and portable tool that can be utilised for educational purposes in teaching concepts of radiation as well as for training in the use of radiation sensors.

Example research applications of the GR1-A

- Particle-gamma coincidence measurements: The high resolution of the GR1-A allows it to be paired with charged-particle or neutron detectors in order to observe coincidence particle decays with gamma-ray emission.
- Gamma-gamma coincidence measurements: Multiple GR1-As can be used in unison in order to identify multiple gamma rays that are emitted in coincidence; because of this, the GR1-A can be used as a tool in studies of nuclear structure.
- Pulse-shape analysis: The analogue energy output can be used for studies of charge collection pulseshapes, which can yield information on interaction points, scattering and charge mobility within the detector crystal. The timing output can also employed as an input for time-to-analogue converters.



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