

➡ FOR THE CONTINUOUS MEASUREMENT OF THE RADON ACTIVITY CONCENTRATION.

## Applications :

- **Measurements of radon activity concentration in the ground:**
  - geophysical studies,
  - earthquake predictions,
  - predictions of volcanic eruptions.
- **Measurements of radon exhalation rate,**
- **Measurements of gas velocity in soils,**
- **Air monitoring of the atmosphere in confined environments.**



- Instrument designed to be used in difficult environments
- Passive measurement, no disturbance of the environment.
- Simultaneous measurement of radon and of the main meteorological parameters:
  - temperature and atmospheric pressure
  - rainfall measurement (as an option).

- Acquisition rate parameters adjustable for 1 mn up to 240 mn.
- 1 year of independent operating time for power supply and memory capacity.
- Power supply from 2 x 1.5 Volt alkaline batteries.
- Sensor parameters set by *RnView2* PC software (see technical data sheet).
- Monitoring of battery voltage and shocks.



*Compliant with the requirements of standard ISO 11665-5.*

## ALGADE INSTRUMENTATION

## MEASUREMENT OF RADON:

The radon enters a detection volume through three cellulose filters which trap all the solid decay products.

The sensor is an implanted silicon detector with a depleted depth of 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and 400  $\text{mm}^2$  of sensitive area. It authorises the counting by spectrometry of atoms of  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  and its decay products created in the detection volume (window set at between 1.5 MeV and 6 MeV).

The calibration of the sensor enables the radon activity concentration to be calculated.

Radon: 50 Bq.m-3 per imp.h-1 (typically)  
Range from 0 to 1 GBq.m-3



### References to order

1- Product	Reference
BMC2	P-542-120
USB/RS232 Converter	P-590-110



The sensor is delivered complete with:

- a protective cover with shoulder strap for easy carrying on site,
- a certificate indicating the radon calibration coefficient.
- a user manual



### Specifications :

#### Quantities measured:

##### Internal :

- $^{222}\text{Rn}$ ,
- temperature,
- atmospheric pressure,
- shocks, battery voltage.

##### External with options :

- 2 additional  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  channels
- a rainfall measurement channel

#### Temperature: accuracy

- 0.05°C (relative)
- 0.1°C (absolute)

#### Atmospheric pressure: 0.1 hPa (relative)

1 hPa (absolute) from 500 to 1500 hPa

#### Shocks: binary detection,

The sensor is set for a sensitivity equivalent to that of the radon sensor (the silicon detector generating spurious pulses in the event of a shock)

#### Battery voltage: 0.1 V (resolution)

#### Rainfall measurement: 0.2 mm of water (resolution)

#### Memory capacity:

1 MByte Flash memory (saves the data if there is no power supply).  
Storage capacity of more than 1 year for a measuring cycle of 15 mn.

#### Measuring cycle:

Adjustable parameters: 15 to 240 minutes.

#### Power supply:

##### D type batteries

- 2 alkaline batteries (10 months operating time)
- 1 Lithium battery (10 months o.t)

##### 2 D type batteries

- 1 lithium (18 months o.t)

#### Casing :

Casing made of fibreglass and corrosion-resistant stainless steel.

Lining: 5  $\mu\text{m}$  of copper + 3  $\mu\text{m}$  of nickel.

2 Grab handles.

Protection index: IP 68.

#### Operating temperature:

-20°C to +70°C with alkaline batteries.

#### Dimensions:

Height : 489 mm

Diameter : 62 mm

**Weight :** 2 kg. (with 2 alkaline batteries)

#### Parameter setting and data retrieval:

RS232 connection (19200 Bauds).

Hyperterminal or,

PC software for Windows 98SE, 2000, NT, XP.