

APANTEC NB1X / NH1X

Neutron Detector Smart Probe

BF₃ or He-3 Proportional Counter

'Smart' Detector Operation

The Apantec NB1/NH1 Neutron Probe is based on the design by I. O. Anderson and J. Braun and provides dose response corresponding to the human body. It directly measures the biological dose rate of neutrons in energy from thermal (0.025 eV) to 15 MeV.

The Neutron Probe contains a proportional counter, which produces pulses resulting from neutron interactions occurring within it. The proportional counter is essentially a thermal neutron detector, but the probe is designed to respond to thermal, epithermal and fast neutrons.

The probe includes a high hydrogen content polyethylene moderator, which moderates and attenuates neutrons so that the net incident flux at the proportional counter is a thermal and low epithermal flux representative of the tissue equivalent dose rate due the neutron field. In addition, the proportional counter is enclosed with a tissue equivalent boron impregnated sleeve, which provides the interaction between the neutrons and the counter.

The detector provides a pulse output to an associated RM1 series display unit for display and control. The RM1 series display unit provides serial RS485 and Ethernet communications for networking to a central computer using Apantec's DORIS software. The neutron detector is available in two configurations. The NB1X uses a BF₃ proportional counter, while the NH1X is provided with a He-3 proportional counter.

Detector Type

- NB1X BF₃ counter with Boron impregnated sleeve and polyethylene moderator
- NH1X He-3 counter with Boron impregnated sleeve and polyethylene moderator

- Measurement Range** 0.1 μSv/h to 100 mSv/h
- Energy Range** 0.025 eV to 15 MeV
- Energy Response** ± 20%, 0.025 keV to 15 MeV
- Accuracy** ±15% over entire range
- Linearity** ±5%
- Response Time** 4 s
- Environmental** -31 °F to 140 °F
0-95% RH, non-condensing
- Operating Voltage** +12 VDC
- Dimensions** 12 in. L x 8 in. Dia
- Weight** 20 lb nominal

Energy Response H*(10)
NB1 Series (Anderson Braun Moderator)

