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Adjust the analyzer to optimize performance on the most sensitive range to be used.

(2) Zero the carbon monoxide analyzer with either purified synthetic air or zero-grade nitrogen.

(3) Bubble a mixture of three percent CO₂ in N₂ through water at room temperature and record analyzer response.

(4) An analyzer response of more than one percent of full scale for ranges above 300 ppm full scale or more than three ppm on ranges below 300 ppm full scale requires corrective action. (Use of conditioning columns is one form of corrective action which may be taken.)

(c) *Initial and periodic calibration.* Prior to its initial use and monthly

thereafter, or within one month prior to the certification test, calibrate the NDIR carbon monoxide analyzer.

(1) Adjust the analyzer to optimize performance.

(2) Zero the carbon monoxide analyzer with either purified synthetic air or zero-grade nitrogen.

(3) Calibrate on each used operating range with carbon monoxide-in-N₂ calibration gases having nominal concentrations between 10 and 90 percent of that range. A minimum of six evenly spaced points covering at least 80 percent of the 10 to 90 range (64 percent) is required (see following table).

Example calibration points (%)	Acceptable for calibration?
20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70	No, range covered is 50 percent, not 64.
20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90	Yes.
10, 25, 40, 55, 70, 85	Yes.
10, 30, 50, 70, 90	No, though equally spaced and entire range covered, a minimum of six points are needed.

Additional calibration points may be generated. For each range calibrated, if the deviation from a least-squares best-fit straight line is two percent or less of the value at each data point, calculate concentration values by use of a single calibration factor for that range. If the deviation exceeds two percent at any point, use the best-fit non-linear equation which represents the data to within two percent of each test point to determine concentration.

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(a) Calibrate the chemiluminescent oxides of nitrogen analyzer as described in this section.

(b) *Initial and Periodic Interference:* Prior to its initial use and monthly thereafter, or within one month prior to the certification test, check the chemiluminescent oxides of nitrogen analyzer for NO₂ to NO converter efficiency. Figure 1 in Appendix B of this subpart is a reference for paragraphs (b)(1) through (11) of this section:

(1) Follow good engineering practices for instrument start-up and operation. Adjust the analyzer to optimize performance.

(2) Zero the oxides of nitrogen analyzer with purified synthetic air or zero-grade nitrogen.

(3) Connect the outlet of the NO_x generator to the sample inlet of the oxides of nitrogen analyzer which has been set to the most common operating range.

(4) Introduce into the NO_x generator analyzer-system an NO-in-nitrogen (N₂) mixture with an NO concentration equal to approximately 80 percent of the most common operating range. The NO₂ content of the gas mixture must be less than five percent of the NO concentration.

(5) With the oxides of nitrogen analyzer in the NO mode, record the concentration of NO indicated by the analyzer.

(6) Turn on the NO_x generator O₂ (or air) supply and adjust the O₂ (or air) flow rate so that the NO indicated by the analyzer is about 10 percent less than indicated in paragraph (b)(5) of this section. Record the concentration of NO in this NO+O₂ mixture as value "c."

(7) Switch the NO_x generator to the generation mode and adjust the generation rate so that the NO measured on the analyzer is 20 percent of that measured in paragraph (b)(5) of this section.

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There must be at least 10 percent unreacted NO at this point. Record the concentration of residual NO as value "d."

(8) Switch the oxides of nitrogen analyzer to the NO_x mode and measure total NO_x. Record this value as "a."

(9) Switch off the NO_x generator but maintain gas flow through the system. The oxides of nitrogen analyzer will indicate the NO_x in the NO+O₂ mixture. Record this value as "b".

(10) Turn off the NO_x generator O₂ (or air) supply. The analyzer will now indicate the NO_x in the original NO-in-N₂ mixture. This value should be no more than five percent above the value indicated in paragraph (b)(4) of this section.

(11) Calculate the efficiency of the NO_x converter by substituting the concentrations obtained into the following equation:

$$\text{percent efficiency} = \left(1 + \frac{a-b}{c-d} \right) \times 100$$

Where:

a = concentration obtained in paragraph (b)(8),

b = concentration obtained in paragraph (b)(9),

c = concentration obtained in paragraph (b)(6),

d = concentration obtained in paragraph (b)(7).

If converter efficiency is less than 90 percent, corrective action will be required.

(c) *Initial and periodic calibration.* Prior to its initial use and monthly thereafter, or within one month prior to the certification test, calibrate the chemiluminescent oxides of nitrogen analyzer on all normally used instrument ranges. Use the same flow rate as when analyzing samples. Proceed as follows:

(1) Adjust analyzer to optimize performance.

(2) Zero the oxides of nitrogen analyzer with purified synthetic air or zero-grade nitrogen.

(3) Calibrate on each normally used operating range with NO-in-N₂ calibration gases having nominal concentrations between 10 and 90 percent of that range. A minimum of six evenly spaced points covering at least 80 percent of the 10 to 90 range (64 percent) is required (see following table).

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(d) The initial and periodic interference, system check, and calibration test procedures specified in § 86.332-79 of this chapter may be used in lieu of the procedures specified in this section.

§ 90.319 NO_x converter check.

(a) The efficiency of the converter used for the conversion of NO₂ to NO is tested as given in paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(8) of this section.

(1) Using the test setup as shown in Figure 1 in Appendix B of this subpart (see also § 90.318 of this chapter) and the procedure described in paragraphs (a)(2) through (a)(8) of this section, test the efficiency of converters by means of an ozonator.

(2) Calibrate the HCLD or CLD in the most common operating range following the manufacturer's specifications using zero and span gas (the NO content of which must amount to about 80 percent of the operating range and the NO₂ concentration of the gas