

AIR XKS

TESTING RESULTS

In March 2022, we conducted our first fully independent testing of the Air XS Silica Monitor to demonstrate that it can accurately detect the quantity of respirable crystalline silica (RCS) in a given sample.

The tests were carried out by a senior independent scientist and project manager, with over 20 years' worth of experience in polymer chemistry and sensor technologies who has worked for over 10 years at one of the world's leading particulate sensor development companies.

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The challenge was simple.

Two samples of dust containing RCS were XRD analysed* multiple times to obtain a percentage RCS content.

The samples were then introduced to two Air XS units for sampling across a four-hour period at both ambient and high temperatures.

*Whilst XRD analysis is considered the gold standard of particulate analysis, it does not give a fully accurate percentage content of RCS in a sample, so a built-in inaccuracy in the region of \pm 15% can be assumed.

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Then, in May 2022, we repeated similar tests with an independent regulator in their low-flow particulate chamber.

The Air XS was exposed to two different test dusts which had been XRD analysed to give a crystalline quartz percentage.

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The results: Independent scientist

AMBIENT TEMPERATURES 35 °C The silica content of 'Sample A' was XRD analysed to be 25%. 22.1% **24.1%** Reporting in real time, the two Air XS units measured 22.1% and 29.6% at ambient temperatures, and 24.1 and 25.6% at 35 °C over the four-hour test. 29.6% **25.6%** 35 °C The silica content of 'Sample B' was AMBIENT TEMPERATURES XRD analysed to be 50%. 46.6% **60%** Reporting in real time, the two Air XS units measured 46.6% and 42.1% at ambient and 60% and 59.6% at 35 °C over the four-hour test. 42.1% **59.6%** An Air XS unit was set up in the Starting RCS % 50% chamber with 'Sample B' present (50% RCS); 'Sample A' (25% RCS) was then added after 30 minutes. The percentage silica reported dropped First 30 minutes 49% from 49% for the first 30 minutes to 39% following the introduction of 'Sample A'. 39% 'Sample A' introduced



The results: Independent laboratory

The silica content of 'Sample C' was XRD analysed to be 47.5%.

Reporting in real time, the Air XS unit measured:



> 59.8% at 1 hour

57.4% at 2 hours

> 54.1% at 4 hours



The silica content of 'Sample D' was XRD analysed to be 40.7%.

Reporting in real time, the Air XS unit measured:

• 57.1% at 1 hour

• 54.5% at 2 hours

• 51.7% at 4 hours

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Go to www.trolex.com/product/air-xs for more information on the Trolex Air XS Silica Monitor, including our technical brochure, user manual and getting started with our how-to videos.

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