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OPERATIONS MANUAL. MAN-020

MODEL 650L.

RADIOGRAPHY SOURCE CHANGER

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DANGER – IMPORTANT WARNINGS

This transport container must only be used for radiography source assemblies that are approved for use with this container. Please refer to Table 2 for a listing of source assemblies that are authorized for use. The container must be operated only by trained and qualified radiographers who have read and understand this Operating Manual or by trained assistants working under their direct supervision.

WARNING

The use of this radiographic exposure device by unqualified personnel or when safety procedures are not fully met, could result in life-threatening dangers.

Do not use this container for unauthorized, damaged or cropped source assemblies.

The radioactive source assemblies utilized in this container emit high levels of highly penetrating radiation during use.

An unshielded radiation source at close range can cause **injury, sickness or death** to anyone who is exposed to it even for a short period of time.

A radiation source **must not** be touched by the hands under any circumstances.

Since gamma radiation cannot be detected by the human senses, strict operating and emergency procedures must be followed. The proper use of calibrated and operable survey meters must be employed to avoid potentially dangerous levels of radiation exposure.

Proper dosimetry including film badges or thermoluminescent dosimeters, optically stimulated luminescence badges (OSL); direct reading pocket dosimeters and audible alarm ratemeters must be worn during all radiographic operations.

It is imperative that the users of this container perform adequate radiation surveys of the exposure device. Surveys must be performed using a calibrated survey instrument before, during and after source exchanges, source exposures, and before transport to determine if the source assembly is properly shielded within the container. The failure to perform an adequate radiation survey can cause unnecessary exposure to personnel resulting in a reportable incident.

It is very important, and required by national regulations, to prevent access by unauthorized persons to radiographic equipment and to the area where radiography is performed.

Take advantage of the three basic radiation protection methods to minimize radiation exposure:

Time: Spend less time near the radiation source.

Distance: Increase your distance in a direction away from the radiation source.

Shielding: Use effective shielding between you and the radiation source.

Do not perform any unauthorized modifications to the radiographic exposure device or components of the radiography system.

It is important that trained and qualified radiographers perform or supervise a daily safety inspection of the radiography system for obvious defects prior to operation of the system.

Do not use any components that are not approved for use with the radiography system, or after-market components that may compromise the safety designed into the system.

1. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS.

1.1 Radiography Source Changer General Requirements

The 650L is used as a source changer and transport package for Type A and Type B(U) quantities of radioactive material in authorized radiography source assemblies. A listing of authorized source assemblies is listed on Table 2.

In order to use this equipment to perform source changes within the United States, the user must be specifically licensed to do so. Application for a license should be filed with the appropriate Regional Office of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission or appropriate Agreement State Office.

Prior to the initial use of this source changer in the United States, the user must:

a. As applicable, amend the Materials License to use the 650L source changer. An NRC QA program is no longer required under 10 CFR 71.101(g) so long as you have a program for transport container inspection and maintenance that complies with 10 CFR 34.31(b) or equivalent Agreement State requirements.

b. For Type B transport,

- 1 Register as a user of the Type B package with the Transportation Branch of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Attn: Director
Document Control Desk
Spent Fuel Project Office
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20590

- 2 Maintain on file a copy of the Certificate of Compliance Number USA/9269/B(U)-96 issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, including copies of all applicable drawings referenced on this certificate and the operating instructions for the package.

- 3 Prior to the first shipment of this source changer from the United States, the user must also register with:

Office of Hazardous Materials Technology
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20590

- 4 The user must have in his possession a copy of IAEA Certificate of Competent Authority Number USA/9269/B(U)-96 issued for this source changer. Users of this equipment outside of the United States must comply with the regulatory, licensing and transportation rules and regulations of their respective countries.

c. For Type A transport, maintain on file, for the time period specified, documentation that meets the requirements of 49 CFR 173.415(a).

d. When transporting a special form source, maintain on file a copy of the U.S. Department of Transportation Certificate of Competent Authority for the special form source transported in the

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source changer.

- e. Prepare this package for transport per the applicable Type A or Type B approval requirements including as shown in the applicable drawings referenced under the USNRC Type B certificate (or as specified under the Type A approval requirements) and as described in these Operating Instructions.

1.2 Radiography Source Changer General Description

The 650L source changer is a portable, Depleted Uranium-238 shielded transport container used for transferring radiography source assemblies to and from industrial radiography exposure devices. The source changer is a Type A and a Type B(U) transport container that is designed to safely contain radiography source assemblies during shipment and storage. The 650L source changer meets the requirements of 10CFR34 for source changers and storage containers. Additionally, the source changer permits field exchanges of depleted and new radiography source assemblies without exposing the operator to unsafe radiation levels, provided proper procedures and radiation surveys are followed. The source changer is designed to contain either one or two source assemblies during transport. Each source assembly is secured by independent locking mechanisms. Authorized source assemblies are listed in Table 2. When transporting Type B quantities of Iridium-192, the maximum combined activity of both sources is 240 Ci. When transporting Type B quantities of Selenium-75, the maximum combined activity of both sources is 300 Ci.

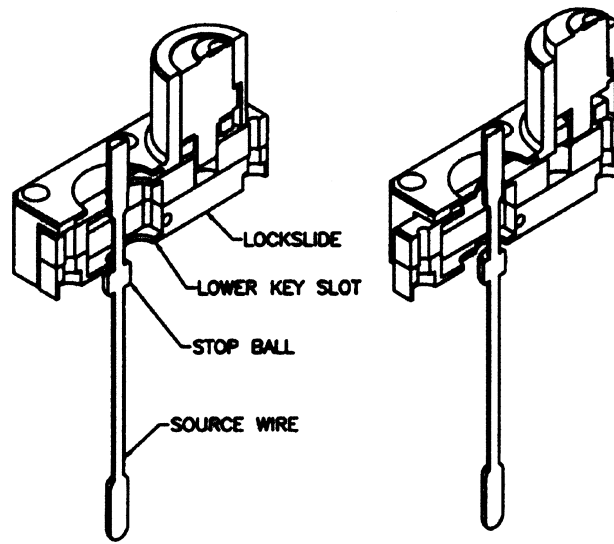
The two locking mechanisms consist of two stainless-steel lock slides for each lock mechanism, a stainless steel lock housing and a key operated lock. The lock slide's function is to secure against movement and to provide a means of locking a source assembly within the source changer. The lock slides are machined to form a key-hole consisting of a circular opening approximately 3/8 inch diameter (9.5 mm) with an elongated slot that are mechanically joined to move in unison. When the lock slide is positioned into the "unsecured" position, the circular openings of the key-holes are moved over the source assembly and titanium source tube. This permits the source assembly wire and stop-ball to move freely into or out of the source changer passing through the lock slide.

When the lock slide is moved to the "secure" position, one of the narrow machined slots of the lock slide is positioned above the stop-ball of the source assembly, restricting movement of the source assembly.

A quick connect feature is also incorporated into the lock mechanism's design. Source guide tubes (projection sheaths) are attached to a detachable threaded fitting that permits a quick connect or disconnect to the locking mechanism. The threaded fitting is secured to the locking mechanism with a spring-loaded plunger. The spring-loaded plunger must be manually retracted to disconnect the source guide tube (projection sheath) from the source changer's lock mechanism.

The redesigned lock mechanism provides:

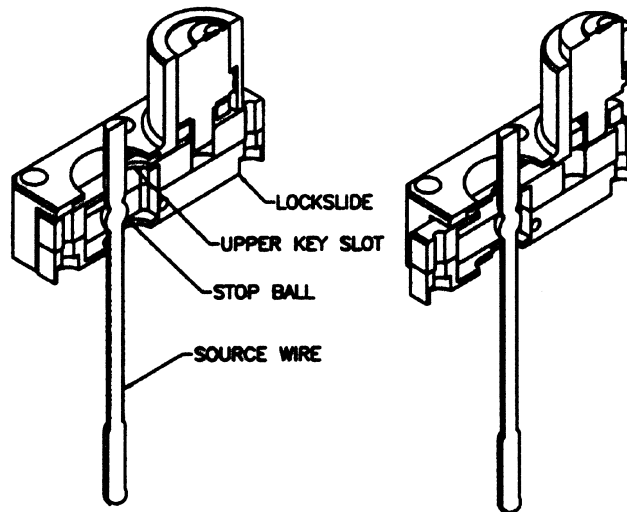
- The 650L source changer to be utilized with a wide range of source assemblies that are manufactured from helical wrap, aircraft or speedometer type cables.
- A means of securing the source assemblies utilizing the stop-ball, taking into account the differences of source assembly length and stop-ball position.
- Permits easier attachment and detachment of the source guide tube (projection sheath) to and from the lock mechanism.



LOCKED POSITION

OPENED POSITION

WIRES WITH THE STOP BALL BELOW THE LOCKSLIDE.



LOCKED POSITION

OPENED POSITION

WIRES WITH THE STOP BALL WITHIN THE LOCKSLIDE.

FIGURE 1 – SOURCE ASSEMBLY SECURING MECHANISM OPERATION

1.3 Radiography Source Changer Specifications


Table 1 – Radiography Source Changer Specifications	
Manufacturer	QSA Global, Inc., Burlington, Massachusetts, USA.
Container Model	650L
Primary Application	Industrial gamma radiography
Container Application	Radiography Source Changer and Transport Package
Container Weight (Maximum)	90 pounds (41 kilograms)
Container Overall Dimensions	10 inches (254 mm) wide, 13¼ inches (337 mm) high and 8¼ inches (210 mm) deep
Container Capacity - Isotope	240 Ci (8.9 TBq) of Iridium-192 or 300 Curies (11.1 TBq) Selenium-75
Container Shielding Materials	Depleted Uranium (DU) and Lead
DU Weight (Maximum)	44 pounds (20 kilograms)
DU Activity	7.17 mCi (265 MBq)
Operating Temperature	-40°F to 300°F (-40°C to 149°C)
USA Device Approval	MA-1059-D-930-S
Transport Approvals	USA/9269/B(U)-96 Type B (USNRC, USDOT and ADR) CDN/E175/-96 Type B (Canada) Type A Package Certified to 49 CFR173, IAEA TS-R-1 (2009) and IAEA SSR-6 (2012)
Compatible Sources	Refer to Table 2.
Inspection Requirements	Daily pre-operational inspection for obvious damage to the system.
Shipment Data	An envelope accompanies each shipment and contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source decay chart and leak test certification. Keep for user's records. • Source identification plate for attachment to user's exposure device. • Return shipping labels. • Tamper indicator seals. • Operating Instructions.

Safety Considerations


- All operations must be monitored with an operable, currently calibrated survey meter capable of reading 2 mR/hr (20 µSv/hr) to 1,000 mR/hr (10 mSv/hr).
- Personnel monitoring devices must be worn during all source changing operations. This should include a direct reading pocket dosimeter, alarming rate meter if applicable, and either a film badge or thermoluminescent dosimeter. These must be worn by any individual that enters a restricted area or is involved in a source changing operation.

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- Pocket dosimeters should be initially charged (zeroed) at the start of the day and should be checked periodically during the operation for accumulated exposure. In the event that an individual's pocket dosimeter goes off scale or if the alarm rate meter alarms unexpectedly, stop work immediately, restrict and secure the area against unauthorized personnel and alert the Radiation Safety Officer. The individual's film badge or thermoluminescent dosimeter must be sent in for immediate processing. The individual must refrain from all work with radioactive material until the individual's exposure is determined to be below regulatory limits.



WARNING



All of the radiological precautions used during radiographic exposures must be followed during a source changing operation.

1.4 Source Assembly Specifications

TABLE 2: AUTHORIZED SOURCE ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

Source Assembly Manufacturer	Source Assembly Model	Isotope	Special Form Certificate	Maximum Source Activity	Authorized for Use		
					Canada	USA	R.O.W.
QSA Global Inc.	969	Ir-192	USA/0335/S-96	150 Ci (5.55 TBq)	✓	✓	✓
QSA Global Inc.	87703	Ir-192	USA/0335/S-96	120 Ci (4.44 TBq)	✓	✓	✓
QSA Global Inc.	89911, 89912	Ir-192	USA/0335/S-96	240 Ci (8.88 TBq)			✓
QSA Global Inc.	89913, 89916	Ir-192	USA/0335/S-96	240 Ci (8.88 TBq)			✓
QSA Global Inc.	A425-6	Se-75	USA/0335/S-96	81 Ci (3 TBq)	✓	✓	✓
QSA Global Inc.	918 Style	Yb-169	NA	30 Ci (1.1 TBq)			✓
QSA Global Inc.	A424-19	Co-60	USA/0335/S-96	120 mCi (4.4 GBq)	✓	✓	✓
QSA Global Inc.	A424-23	Ir-192	USA/0335/S-96	150 Ci (5.55 TBq)			✓
QSA Global Inc.	A424-25	Se-75	USA/0502/S-96	150 Ci (5.55 TBq)			✓
QSA Global Inc.	A424-25W	Se-75	USA/0502/S-96	150 Ci (5.55 TBq)	✓	✓	✓
QSA Global Inc.	A424-30	Cs-137	USA/0335/S-96	380 mCi (14.1GBq)	✓	✓	✓
QSA Global Inc.	A424-9	Ir-192	USA/0335/S-96	150 Ci (5.55 TBq)	✓	✓	✓
CIS-US	702	Ir-192	Contact Manuf.	140 Ci (5.18 TBq)	✓	✓	✓
INC	32	Ir-192	Contact Manuf.	140 Ci (5.18 TBq)	✓	✓	✓
INC	7, 88	Ir-192	Contact Manuf.	140 Ci (5.18 TBq)		✓	✓
Nordion	C337A	Ir-192	Contact Manuf.	140 Ci (5.18 TBq)	✓	✓	✓
SPEC	G-60	Ir-192	Contact Manuf.	140 Ci (5.18 TBq)	✓	✓	✓
SPEC	T-5, T-5F, G-1, G-3, G-40F, GG40-T	Ir-192	Contact Manuf.	140 Ci (5.18 TBq)		✓	✓
650L Source Changer Maximum Isotope Capacity	Type B(U)	Ir-192	USA/0335/S-96	240 Ci (8.88 TBq)	✓	✓	✓
	Type A	Ir-192	USA/0335/S-96	27 Ci (1 TBq)	✓	✓	✓
	Type A	Co-60	USA/0335/S-96	120 mCi (4.44 GBq)	✓	✓	✓
	Type A	Cs-137	USA/0335/S-96	10.8 Ci (400 GBq)	✓	✓	✓
Isotope Capacity	Type B(U)	Se-75	USA/0502/S-96	300 Ci (11.1 TBq)	✓	✓	✓
	Type A	Yb-169	NA	108 Ci (4 TBq)	✓	✓	✓

*Sources transported in this package must also meet a minimum ANSI N43.6-1997 (or equivalent) Temperature classification of 6 and a Pressure classification of 3.

1.5 Accessory Equipment Specifications

Table 3 - Complete Remote Control Assemblies

Item number	Model Number	Control Cable Length	Unit Weight
TAN66425	664/25	25 ft (7.6 m)	21 lb (10 kg)
TAN66435	664/35	35 ft (10.7 m)	24 lb (11 kg)
TAN66450	664/50	50 ft (15.2 m)	27 lb (12 kg)
TAN69325	693/25	25 ft (7.6 m)	21 lb (10 kg)
TAN69335	693/35	35 ft (10.7 m)	24 lb (11 kg)
TAN69350	693/50	50 ft (15.2 m)	27 lb (12 kg)
TAN69225	692/25	25 ft (7.6 m)	21 lb (10 kg)
TAN69235	692/35	35 ft (10.7 m)	24 lb (11 kg)
TAN69250	692/50	50 ft (15.2 m)	27 lb (12 kg)
SAN88225	882/25	25 ft (7.6 m)	14 lb (6 kg)
SAN88235	882/35	35 ft (10.7 m)	17 lb (8 kg)
SAN88250	882/50	50 ft (15.2 m)	22 lb (10 kg)
SAN88225R	882/25R	25 ft (7.6 m)	14 lb (6 kg)
SAN88235R	882/35R	35 ft (10.7 m)	17 lb (8 kg)
SAN88250R	882/50R	50 ft (15.2 m)	22 lb (10 kg)
SAN88525	SAN885/25	25 ft (7.6 m)	18 lb (8 kg)
SAN88535	SAN885/35	35 ft (10.7 m)	21 lb (9 kg)
SAN88550	SAN885/50	50 ft (15.2 m)	26 lb (12 kg)
SAN88625	886/25	25 ft (7.6 m)	15 lb (7 kg)
SAN88635	886/35	35 ft (10.7 m)	18 lb (8 kg)
SAN88650	886/50	50 ft (15.2 m)	23 lb (10 kg)
SAN88625R	886/25R	25 ft (7.6 m)	15 lb (7 kg)
SAN88635R	886/35R	35 ft (10.7 m)	18 lb (8 kg)
SAN88650R	886/50R	50 ft (15.2 m)	23 lb (10 kg)
SAN88725	SAN887/25	25 ft (7.6 m)	19 lb (9 kg)
SAN88735	SAN887/35	35 ft (10.7 m)	22 lb (10 kg)
SAN88750	SAN887/50	50 ft (15.2 m)	27 lb (12 kg)

Table 4 - Model 664 and 885 Control Storage Reel Unit Size

Length	Width	Height
21 in (533 mm)	12 in (305 mm)	6.6 in (168 mm)

The Model 664 reel and Model 693 pistol grip controls are equipped with odometers. The Model 692 pistol grip, Model 882 series and Model 885 reel-type remote controls are not equipped with an odometer.

Table 5 - Source Guide Tube Extension

Item Number	Model Number	Length
TAN48907	48907	7 ft (2.1 m) male 1-18 threaded fitting
48930-7	48930-7	7 ft (2.1 m) bayonet fitting/female 1-18
48930-X	48930-X	Customer specified length bayonet fitting/female 1-18
95021	95021	7 ft (2.1 m) male/female 1-18 threaded fittings*
95021-X	95021-X	Customer specified length*

NOTE: X indicates customer can order lengths other than the standard length.

* Indicates source guide tube material for extreme condition use.

Operating Distance

The distance between the remote control and the source changer or exposure device is determined by summing the length of the remote control conduits plus the total length of source guide tube used to perform the source transfers.

Typically source transfers between the exposure device and the source changer use a single 7ft (2.1 m) guide tube extension and a set of 25 ft. controls.

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1.6 Notice

This device is used as a radiography source changer and a Type A or Type B(U) shipping package for QSA Global, Inc. source assemblies. The purpose of this manual is to provide information, which will assist qualified radiographers in using the 650L source changer. The user must be thoroughly familiar with this instruction manual before attempting operation and use of this equipment.

In order to use this equipment, users within the USA must be specifically licensed to do so. Applications for a license should be filed with the Materials Licensing Section of the appropriate U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission regional office or Agreement State.

It is the responsibility of users of this equipment outside of the United States to comply with all local, national and international regulatory, licensing and transportation rules and regulations as they apply in their respective countries.

1.7 Warranty and Limitation of Liability

QSA Global, Inc. (herein referred to as the manufacturer) warrants its product, which it manufactures and sells, to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of one year from the date of shipment. This warranty shall not apply to any product or parts which have been subjected to misuse, improper installation, repair, alteration, neglect, accident, abnormal conditions of operation, or use in any manner contrary to instructions.

The manufacturer's liability under such warranty shall be limited to replacing or repairing, at its option, any parts found to be defective in such respects, which are returned to the manufacturer, transportation prepaid; or at its option, to returning the purchase price thereof.

The warranty on other manufacturer's components shall be that of the original manufacturer whose warranty shall be binding.

In no event shall the manufacturer be liable for any incidental or consequential damages, whether or not such damages are alleged to have resulted from the use of such product in accordance with instructions given by or referred to by the manufacturer.

QSA Global, Inc. assumes no liability or responsibility for the usage of any radioactive material or device generating penetrating radiation used in connection with this product. The use of such material or generators in any manner other than prescribed in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, equivalent Agreement State, International Licensing Authority, or permitted by any regulation of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Agreement State, or International Regulatory regulations may constitute a violation of such license terms.

All other warranties, except those warranties expressly stated herein, including without limitation warranties of, merchantability and implied warranties of fitness, are expressly excluded.

The warranty on this device is specifically limited to its use only with sealed sources and connectors, parts, and accessories manufactured by QSA Global, Inc.

QSA Global, Inc. has received equipment approvals for the 650L from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. For additional information on compliance with Type A approvals or USNRC 10CFR34, please contact QSA Global, Inc.

QSA Global, Inc. shall not be liable for any errors or omissions contained herein and the provision by QSA Global, Inc. of the information set out in this manual does not in itself constitute acceptance of any liability on the part of QSA Global, Inc.

2. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS.

2.1 General Requirements Before Use

- a. Upon receipt of a source changer, survey the source changer on all sides to assure that the source is in its proper storage position. Radiation levels should be less than 200 mR/hr (2 mSv/hr) at the surface of the container and less than 10 mR/hr (100 μ Sv/hr) at one meter from the surface of the container.

If either of these radiation levels are exceeded, place the source changer in a restricted area and notify the Radiation Safety Officer. The Radiation Safety Officer must notify the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission or appropriate regulatory agency, the final delivering carrier and QSA Global, Inc. immediately.

Visually inspect the source changer for signs of damage and assure that the seal wire (tamper-indicator seal) has not been compromised or broken. Record any deficiencies of the visual inspection on the receiving report.

- b. Ensure the gamma-ray source projector, remote controls and transfer tube/guide tube to be used for the source transfers have received a daily inspection as described in the gamma-ray source projector's operation and maintenance manual (e.g., MAN-027 for the 880 Series, MAN-054 for the 1075 SCARPro, etc.)
- c. Locate the source changer and radiographic exposure device in a restricted area. Arrange them so that one length of guide tube (projection sheath) will fit between them without any sharp bends or kinks in the tube.

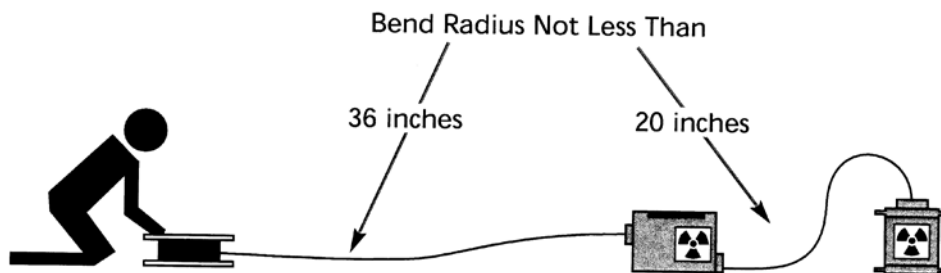


FIGURE 2 – SOURCE EXCHANGE LAYOUT

The bend radius of the source guide tube (projection sheath) during source exchanging operations should be greater than 20 inches (508 mm).

⚠ WARNING ⚠

THE SOURCE CHANGER MUST REMAIN UPRIGHT AT ALL TIMES. DO NOT LAY THE SOURCE CHANGER ON ITS SIDE.

- d. Locate the remote controls (wind-outs) as far away as possible from the exposure device and the source changer, preferably behind any available shielding.

2.2 Source Connection/Disconnection Requirements



WARNING



This section applies to All source assemblies EXCEPT for the Model A425-6. For the Model A425-6, go to Section 2.5.

a. Drive Cable Connection – To Engage Connector



WARNING



Do not move the source assembly more than ½ inch from its stored position when connecting and disconnecting or when testing for proper connection.

This procedure must be monitored with an operable, calibrated survey meter.

- 1 Using a fingernail, move the connector pin downward (pressure on pin is toward the stored position of source). This moves the connector sleeve away from the keyway in the female connector.
- 2 Slide the drive cable connector into the female connector and release the pin. Assure that the connector sleeve has returned to the original position closing the keyway.
- 3 Test the connection by pulling between the source and the drive cable. (Note Warning above when performing this test).



Connecting / Disconnecting



Testing Connection

b. Drive Cable Connection – To Disengage Connector

- 1 Using a fingernail, move the connector pin downward (pressure on pin is toward the stored position of source). This moves the connector sleeve away from the keyway in the female connector.
- 2 Slide the drive cable connector out of the female connector and release the pin.



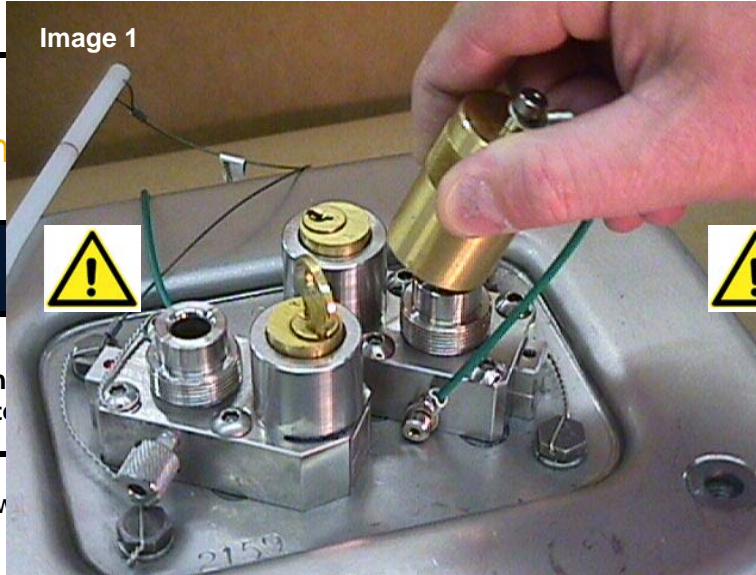
CAUTION



Move the drive cable connector sideways only. Do Not Bend or Twist the drive cable connector.

2.3 Spent

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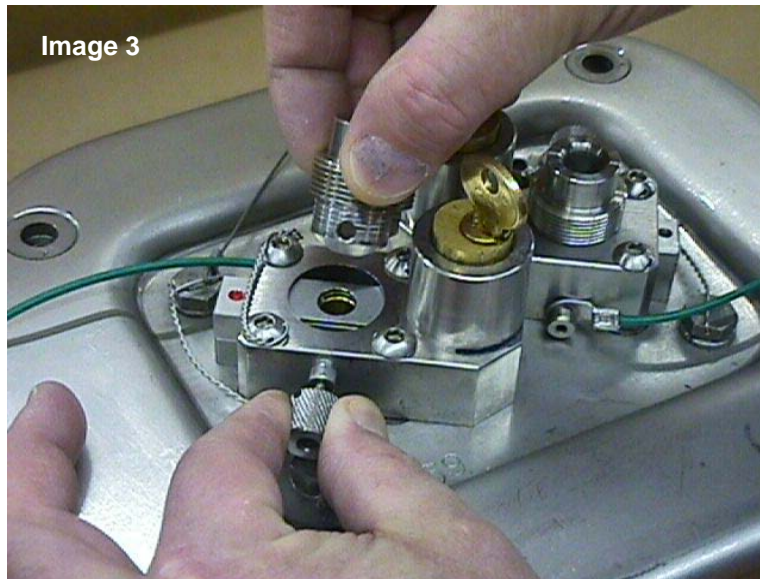
a. Unscrew

(See Image 1).

- b. At the empty 650L tube, unlock the key-lock and push the lock slide away from the key-lock. This “unsecured” position will permit the source assembly to pass through the lock mechanism. Insert the nylon gauge into the source tube to ensure that no foreign objects or cropped sources are in the source changer’s source tube. Ensure the scribed line of the gauge is level to or slightly below the top of the threaded fitting. This gauge measurement indicates the source tube is empty. If the scribed line of the gauge is displaced greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (12.7 mm), there may be a foreign object inside the source tube. This could cause displacement of a source assembly affecting proper securement of the source assembly and cause higher than normal radiation intensities. Call QSA Global, Inc. for assistance if the nylon gauge does not provide an empty indication. (See Image 2).



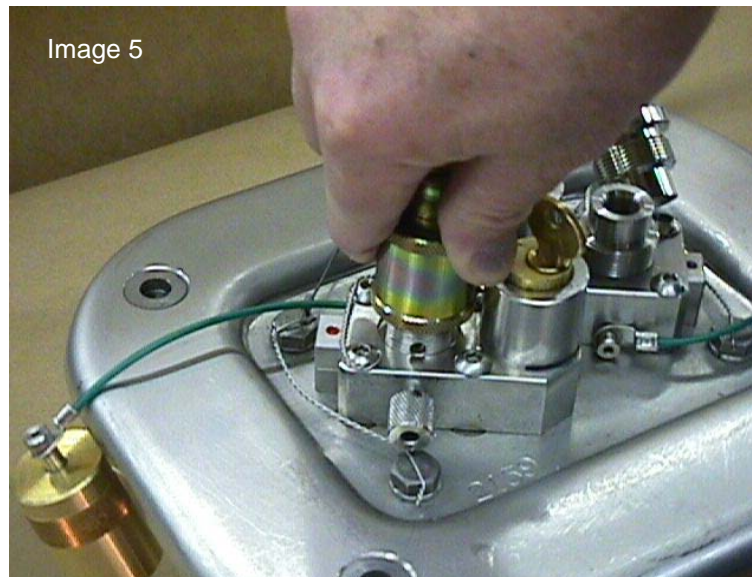
- c. Over the source changer's empty source tube, release the threaded fitting by manually pulling back on the spring-loaded plunger located at the side of the lock assembly. (See Image 3).



- d. Attach the threaded fitting to the source guide tube (projection sheath). (See Image 4).



- e. After confirming the source tube is empty, insert the source guide tube (projection sheath) with the threaded fitting into the lock fitting. Gently pull the source guide tube upwards to ensure the spring-loaded plunger of the lock is fully engaged into the source guide tube fitting. (See Image 5).



- f. Set up the radiographic exposure device as for an exposure. Ensure the “restricted” area is cleared of all personnel and all access points are secured. Position survey meter close to the operation control point to allow continuous monitoring of the radiation intensity to which the operator is exposed.

At the exposure device’s remote controls (wind-out), crank the source rapidly from the exposure device to the source changer. During movement of the source assembly, the radiation intensity will greatly increase as the source assembly exits the exposure device, decrease slightly as the source assembly is cranked from the exposure device towards the source changer and then drop down to background when the source assembly is shielded within the source changer.

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Approach the exposure device with a survey meter. Survey the exposure device, survey the entire length of source guide tube (projection sheath), and survey all sides of the source changer to assure that source assembly has been properly transferred and is in the fully shielded position. The maximum radiation level should be less than 200 mR/hr (2 mSv/hr) at the surface of the container and less than 10 mR/hr (100 μ Sv/hr) at one meter from the surface of the container.

In Canada, if the surface dose rate of 200 mR/hr (2 mSv/hr) is exceeded after the source has moved to the shielded position, or if the source does not project normally, you must immediately make a preliminary report of the incident to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. This preliminary report must include the location and circumstances of the situation and any actions taken or proposed to be taken with respect to the incident.

If either of these radiation levels are exceeded, control access to the “restricted” area and notify the Radiation Safety Officer and QSA Global, Inc. immediately.

	<h2>WARNING</h2>	
<p>Steps g., h. & i. are CRITICAL Operations – Read and Follow Carefully.</p>		

- g. After confirming (by radiation survey) the transferred source assembly is in the fully shielded position, push the lock slide towards the key-lock to secure the source assembly. (See Image 6).



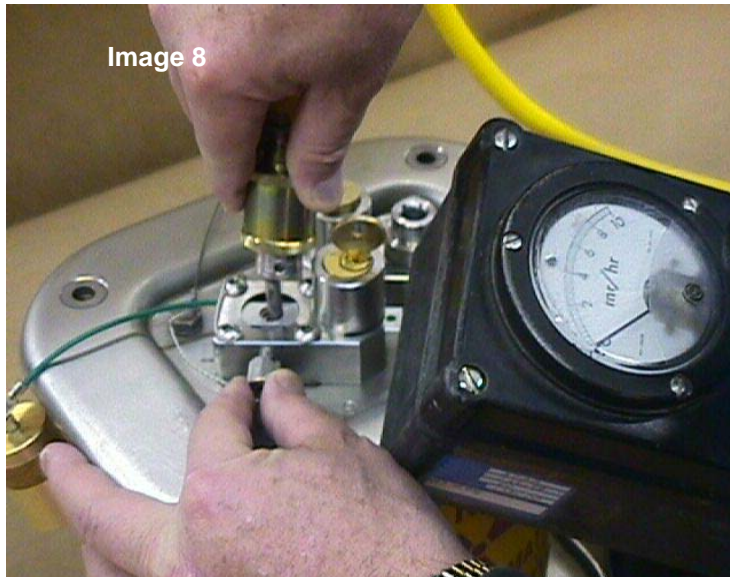
- h. Push down on the key-lock to engage the lock. Engagement of the plunger key-lock will secure against any movement of the lock slide. (See Image 7).

Image 7



- i. Release the source guide tube (projection sheath) with the attached threaded fitting from the lock mechanism by manual retraction of the spring-loaded plunger.

Image 8

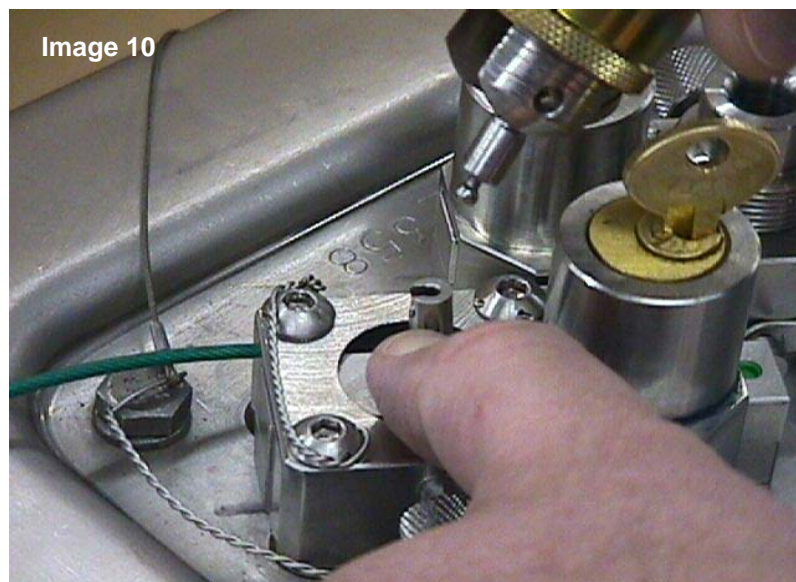
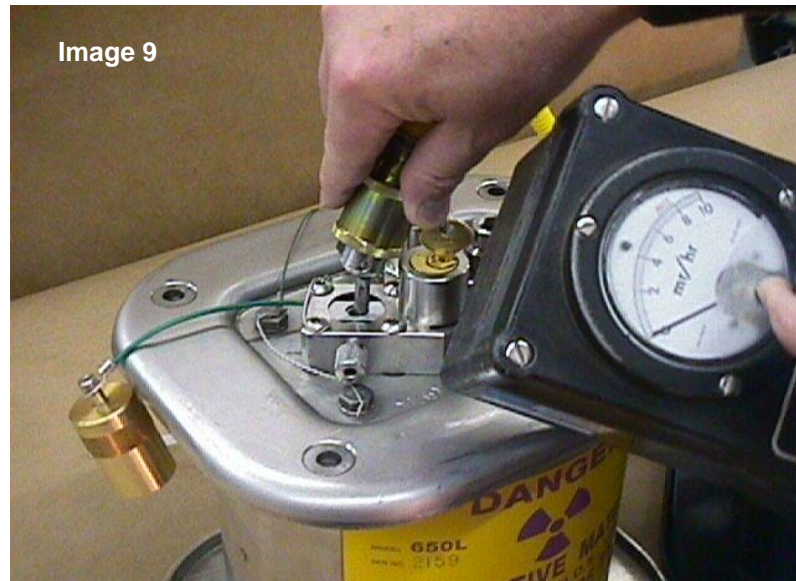


WARNING



SLOWLY, pull the source guide tube (projection sheath) away from the lock mechanism while observing the survey instrument for any sudden increase in radiation intensity. It is normal for the source assembly to pull up slightly during this operation. The stop ball of any source assembly should not be visible.

- j. Pull the source guide tube back enough to expose the source and drive cable connectors. Disconnect the drive cable connector from the source assembly connector. Push gently down on the source assembly's connector to verify that it's fully seated within the source changer. (See Images 9 & 10).



- k. Remove the threaded fitting from the source guide tube (projection sheath). Screw the protective cap onto the threaded fitting, then insert the threaded fitting with the protective cap into the lock mechanism. Gently tug on the fitting to ensure that it's securely engaged in the locking mechanism. Attach the metallic source identification tag to the protective lock cap to provide a visual location of the source assembly's position within the source changer.

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2.4 New Source Assembly Transfer from the 650L into a Gamma-Ray Source Projector



WARNING



This section applies to All source assemblies EXCEPT for the Model A425-6. For the Model A425-6, go to Section 2.5.

- a. **Without unlocking the locking mechanism**, remove the detachable threaded fitting from the lock mechanism by retracting the spring-loaded plunger.



- b. Attach the threaded fitting onto the source guide tube (projection sheath). The remote drive cable connector must protrude beyond the threaded fitting to enable a connection.



- c. **Without unlocking the locking mechanism securing the source assembly**, couple the

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remote control drive cable connector to the source assembly connector. Assure that a positive connection of the two connectors has been accomplished.



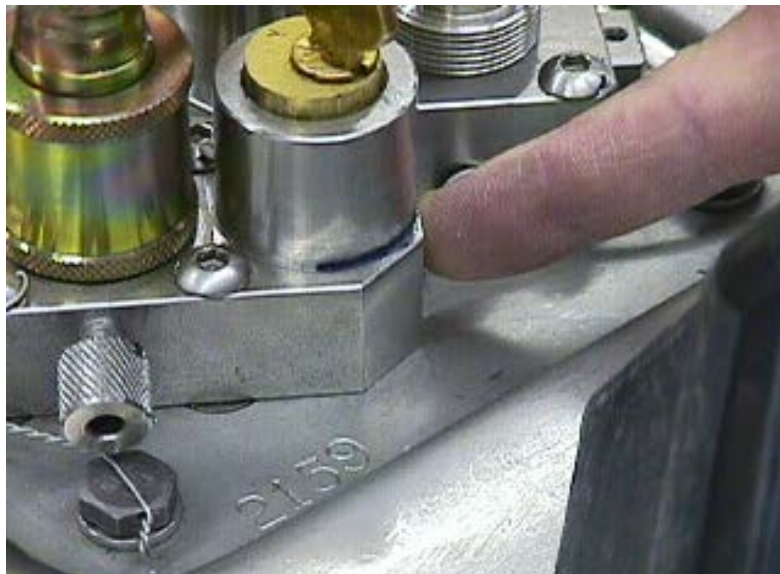
- d. Insert the threaded fitting into the lock mechanism. Pull up gently on the source guide tube (projection sheath) to ensure the spring loaded plunger of the lock mechanism is engaged into the threaded fitting.



- e. Ensure the “restricted” area is cleared of all personnel and all access points are secured. Position the survey meter close to the operation point to allow continuous monitoring of the radiation intensity to which the operator is exposed.



- f. **To Unlock:** Insert the key into the key-lock and rotate until the key-lock pops upward. Push the lock slide away from the key-lock to unlock. The source assembly is now able to pass freely through the lock mechanism.



- g. From the exposure device's remote controls (wind-out), crank the source assembly from the source changer to the exposure device as rapidly as possible. The radiation intensity will increase as the source assembly exits the source changer; then increase even higher as the source assembly travels in a direction towards the device; and then drop down to background when the source assembly is shielded within the exposure device.
- h. For exposure device's equipped with an automatic securing mechanism (e.g., 880 Series etc.) from the exposure device, attempt to expose the source assembly from the exposure device to confirm if the source has been automatically secured.

- i. Approach the exposure device with a survey meter, survey all sides of the exposure device, survey the entire length of source guide tube (projection sheath) and survey all sides of the source changer to assure the source assembly has been properly transferred and is in the fully shielded position. The maximum radiation level from the exposure device should be less than 200 mR/hr (2 mSv/hr) on the surface and less than 10 mR/hr (100 μ Sv/hr) at one meter from the surface.

In Canada, if the surface dose rate of 200 mR/hr (2 mSv/hr) is exceeded after the source has returned to the shielded position, or if the source does not retract normally, you must immediately make a preliminary report of the incident to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. This preliminary report must include the location and circumstances of the situation and any actions taken or proposed to be taken with respect to the incident.

If either of these radiation levels are exceeded, control access to the “restricted” area and notify the Radiation Safety Officer and QSA Global, Inc. immediately.

- j. Remove the source guide tube (projection sheath) and remote controls from the exposure device. Install the shipping plug and protective caps on the exposure device, then lock the exposure device. Affix the new source identification tag to the exposure device.
- k. Release the source guide tube (projection sheath) and threaded fitting from the source changer's lock mechanism by pulling back on the spring-loaded plunger.
- l. Remove the threaded fitting from the source guide tube (projection sheath). Screw the protective cap onto the threaded fitting. Insert the threaded fitting and protective cap into the locking mechanism. Gently pull on the protective cap to confirm proper engagement of the threaded fitting within the locking mechanism.
- m. Replace the shipping cover on the top of the source changer and secure by attaching the four required bolts. Attach a seal (tamper indicator) wire onto two of the cover bolts prior to shipment.

2.5 Loading/Unloading the A425-6 Source Assembly (1075 SCARPro & 650L)



WARNING



The following procedure steps ONLY apply to the transfer of an A425-6 source between the 650L and a 1075 SCARPro device.



NOTE



This process requires the use of a jumper (65030-1), connecting adaptor assembly (65030-4) and an adapter spacer (65030-3) to perform the source transfers.

The A425-6 source assembly used in the 1075 SCARPro devices is shorter than most standard source assemblies so use of a QSA provided jumper assembly is REQUIRED to load the A425-6 source into the shielded position inside the 650L source changer.

The Jumper, Adaptor and Spacer components are shipped with the 650L inside the source changer cover.

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a. Model A425-6 Transfer Tool Descriptions

- 1 The **jumper** (65030-1) is used with the A425-6 source assembly and attaches to the source assembly during all source transfers into the 650L source changer and 1075 SCARPro projector. The **jumper** has standard QSA male and female connectors attached.
- 2 The **connecting adapter assembly** 65030-4 is installed onto the controls connecting collar pins which allow added spacing needed to accommodate the extra jumper length passing through the projector during a source transfer.
- 3 The **adapter spacer** 65030-3 is inserted between the connecting collar and **connecting adapter assembly** after engagement. This interlock feature prevents separation of the items once the connection is made.

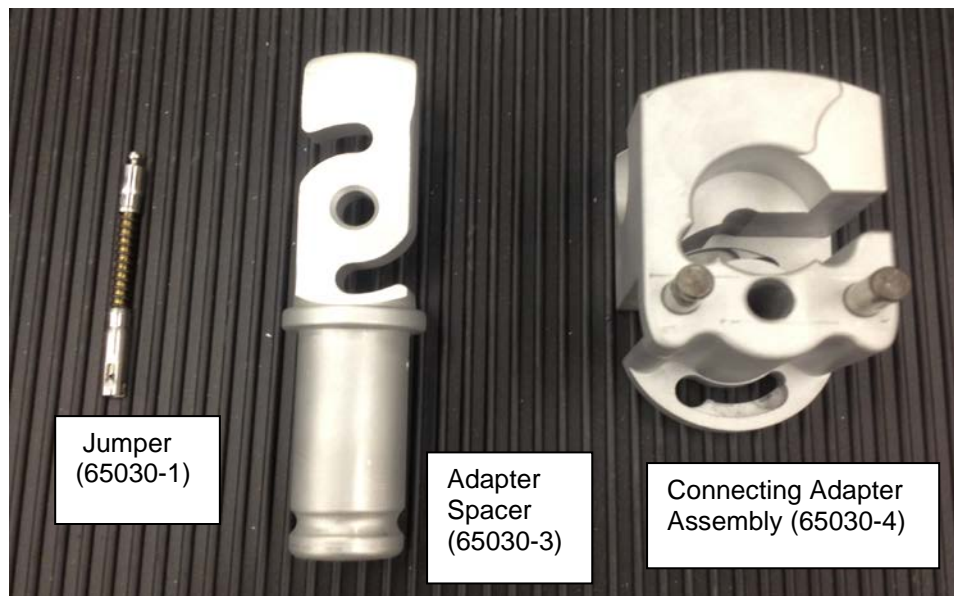




FIGURE 3 - A425-6 Transfer Tool Components

- b. Refer to the 1075 SCARPro Manual (MAN-054) for exposure device operation instructions. To perform this source transfer, the 1075 SCARPro device must be located on a flat, secure surface large enough to allow support of the adaptor during the transfer operations.

 **WARNING** 

Do not move the source assembly more than ½ inch from its stored position when connecting and disconnecting or when testing for proper connection.

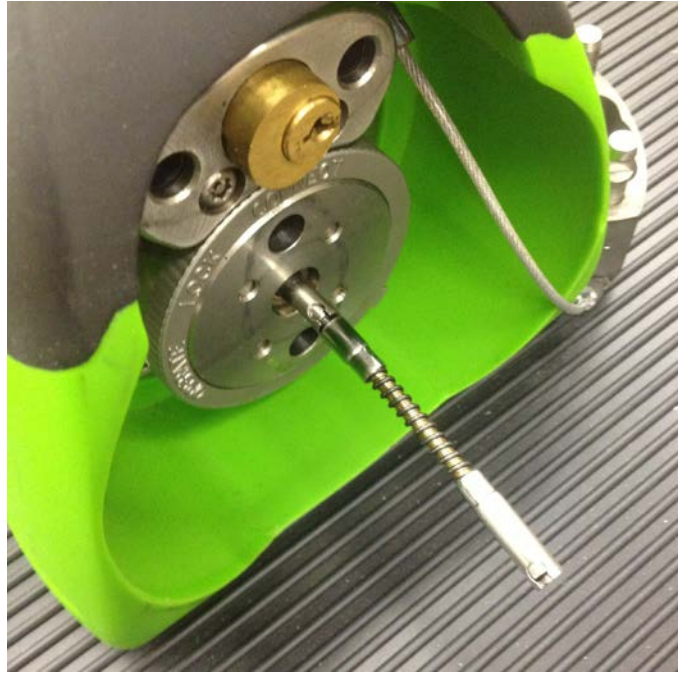
This procedure must be monitored with an operable, calibrated survey meter.

c. Model A425-6 Operational Sequence to Transfer a Source Assembly into the 650L

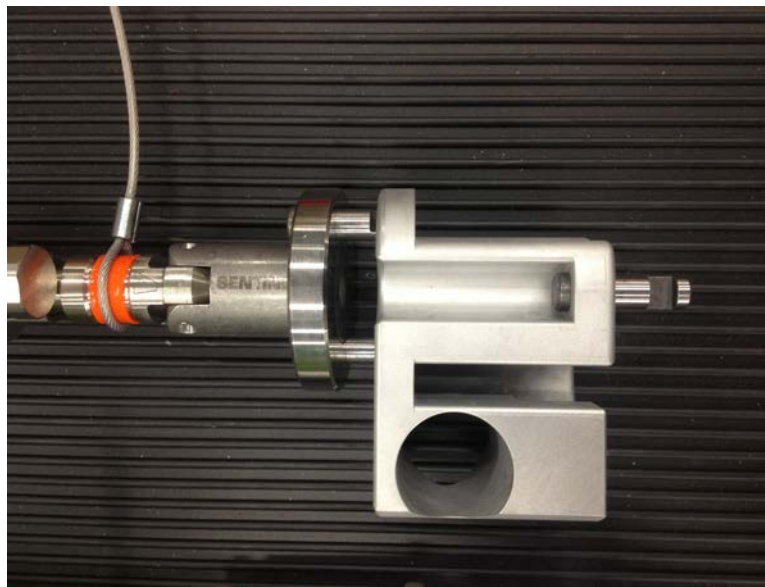
- 1 The 1075 SCARPro device operates with either a front plate assembly, for use with guide tubes, or a collimator assembly for SCAR use. **The 1075 SCARPro must be assembled with the front plate assembly to perform a source transfer.**

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- 2 Remove the dust cover by unlocking the plunger lock and rotating the selector ring to connect. Install the jumper to the source female connector. Use a fingernail to slide the spring loaded connector sleeve pin inward to open the key slot. Insert the male connector of the **jumper** into the female connector of the source assembly and release the pin. Assure that the connector sleeve has closed fully over the ball. Test the connection by pulling on the **jumper**.



- 3 Install the **connecting adapter assembly** onto the remote control unit at the 661 plug connector. Insert the 661 collar pins of the control into the back end holes of the **connecting adapter assembly** and progress in steps by turning right until the pins are engaged in the farthest **connecting adapter assembly** pockets.



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- 4 With the 661 collar pins fully engaged, insert the **adapter spacer** between the two items as shown below. The drive cable must be fully retracted.

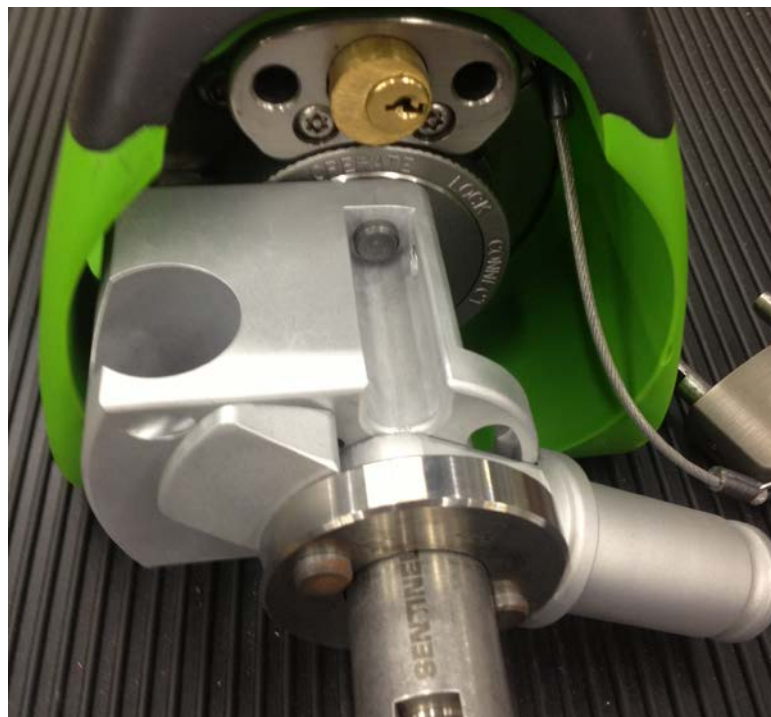


- 5 With the **adapter spacer** fully engaged, expose the drive cable through the **connecting adapter assembly** a few inches to make the drive cable to **jumper** connection. Ensure the cable connections are secure by pulling on the **drive cable**.



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- 6 Unlock the plunger lock on the 1075 SCARPro device, and rotate selector ring to the **CONNECT** position. Retract the drive cable while inserting the **connecting adapter assembly** into the lock assembly then when fully inserted, rotate the selector ring to the **LOCK** position. Set the plunger lock until ready for the source transfer.



- 7 Obtain reference readings at the 1075 SCAR*Pro* projector and the 650L transport container. Ensure the meter responds to radiation. Connect the guide tube extension to the 1075 SCAR*Pro* front plate (see MAN-054). Attach the other end of the transfer guide tube to the 650L source changer to the empty port. Unlock and push the 650L lock-slide to the open position. (see Section 2.3.a through 2.3.f in this manual (MAN-020).
- 8 When ready to perform the source transfer, unlock projector to release lock plunger. Rotate the selector ring to OPERATE position. Push the lock slide from the **green** to the **red** position.
- 9 At the control crank, located a safe distance from the projector and source changer, crank the controls in the expose direction until the source stops in the 650L source changer and set the crank brake.
- 10 Approach the exposure device with a survey meter. Survey the exposure device, survey the entire length of the source guide tube (projection sheath), and survey all sides of the 650L source changer to assure that the source assembly was properly transferred and is in the fully shielded position. The maximum radiation level should be less than 200 mR/hr (2 mSv/hr) at the surface of the 650L source changer and less than 10 mR/hr (100 μ Sv/hr) at one meter from the surface of the 650L source changer.
- 11 Move the 650L source changer lock slide fully to the secure position to lock the source into the source changer and engage the lock cylinder. Follow steps 2.3.h and 2.3.i in this manual (MAN-020) to complete the source transfer into the 650L source changer.

d. **Model A425-6 Operational Sequence to Transfer a Source Assembly into the Model 1075 SCAR*Pro* Device**

- 1 The 1075 SCAR*Pro* device operates with either a front plate assembly, for use with guide tubes, or a collimator assembly for SCAR use. **The 1075 SCAR*Pro* must be assembled with the front plate assembly to perform a source transfer.**
- 2 To transfer a new source from the 650L into the 1075 SCAR*Pro* device, ensure the controls are attached as described in Sections 2.5.c.3, 2.5.c.4, and 2.5.c.6 through 2.5.c.8 of this manual.



NOTE



New source assemblies are shipped in the 650L source changer with a *jumper* attached. When the shipping cap is removed 650L lock mechanism, the female end of the jumper will be protruding from the 650L source changer lock assembly instead of the female connector of the source wire assembly.

The *jumper* is connected to the source wire assembly, and transfer of the source assembly requires use of the *jumper* assembly when unloading the new source assembly from the 650L source changer.

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- 3 **Without unlocking the 650L locking mechanism**, remove the detachable threaded fitting from the lock mechanism by retracting the spring-loaded plunger.



Attach the threaded fitting onto the source guide tube (projection sheath).

- 4 Project the drive cable through the 1075 SCARPro device and guide tube so that remote drive cable connector protrudes beyond the threaded fitting to enable a connection. Note: Ensure the control assembly 661 connector has the connecting adaptor assembly installed as previously described.



Connect the drive cable to the female end of the **jumper** connector in the 650L. After connection, ensure the cable connections are secure by pulling on the drive cable.



- 5 Insert the threaded fitting into the lock mechanism. Pull up gently on the source guide tube (projection sheath) to ensure the spring loaded plunger of the lock mechanism is engaged into the threaded fitting. Set the brake on the remote controls before pressing the lock slide to the open position.



- 6 Ensure the “restricted” area is cleared of all personnel and all access points are secured. Position the survey meter close to the operation point to allow continuous monitoring of the radiation intensity to which the operator is exposed.



- 7 **To Unlock:** Insert the key into the key-lock and rotate until the key-lock pops upward. Push the lock slide in at the green dot end to unlock and open the port. The source assembly is now able to pass freely through the lock mechanism.



- 8 From the exposure device's remote controls (wind-out), crank the source assembly from the source changer to the exposure device without delay. The radiation intensity will increase as the source assembly exits the source changer; then increase even higher as the source assembly travels in a direction towards the device; and then drop down to background when the source assembly is shielded within the exposure device.
- 9 After fully retracting the new source into the 1075 SCAR*Pro*, use the controls crank to test and attempt to expose the source assembly from the exposure device to confirm if the source has been automatically secured.
- 10 Approach the exposure device with a survey meter, survey all sides of the exposure device, survey the entire length of source guide tube (projection sheath) and survey all sides of the source changer to assure the source assembly has been properly transferred and is in the fully shielded position. The maximum radiation level from the exposure device should be less than 200 mR/hr (2 mSv/hr) on the surface and less than 10 mR/hr (100 μ Sv/hr) at one meter from the surface.

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If either of these radiation levels are exceeded, control access to the “restricted” area and notify the Radiation Safety Officer and QSA Global, Inc. immediately.

- 11 **After transfer and locking** of the new source into the 1075 SCAR*Pro* projector, disconnect the remote controls by turning the selector ring to the connect position. Turn the crank slightly to expose the *jumper connections*.

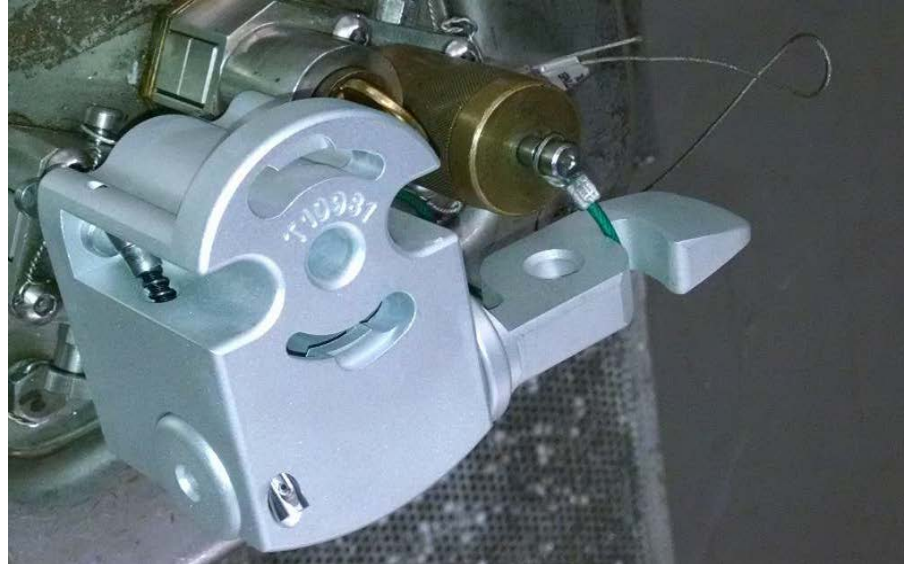
Disconnect the *jumper* from the new source connector and drive cable. Retract the drive cable fully and remove the *adaptor spacer* and *connecting adaptor assembly* from the 661 connector. Assemble the three connector kit items together for return with the 650L within the source changer hat.
- 12 Reinstall the dust cover assembly on the 1075 SCAR*Pro* into the lock assembly. Rotate the selector ring to the **LOCK** position and depress the plunger lock. Remove the key to a safe location.
- 13 Transfer the new source identification tag to the exposure device and the spent source I.D. tag to the changer port.
- 14 Disconnect the source guide tube (projection sheath) and threaded fitting from the source changer’s lock mechanism by pulling back on the spring-loaded plunger.
- 15 Remove the threaded fitting from the source guide tube (projection sheath). Screw the protective cap onto the threaded fitting. Insert the threaded fitting and protective cap into the locking mechanism. Gently pull on the protective cap to confirm proper engagement of the threaded fitting within the locking mechanism.



NOTE



Place for return, the *adapter spacer*, rounded end into hole in *connecting adapter assembly*. Insert male end of the *jumper* into cross hole in adaptor. The jumper will lock in the spacer when spacer is entered from correct end. Place open hole between pins onto one of the 650L brass caps. Place return shipping documents under hat and secure hat bolts for return transport.



- 16 Replace the shipping cover on the top of the source changer and secure by attaching the four required bolts. Attach seal (tamper indicator) wire onto two of the cover bolts prior to shipment.

3. SAMPLE TRANSPORTATION INSTRUCTIONS.

The following instructions are samples for the transport of this radiographic source changer/transport container and source assemblies within the United States and are based on current transport regulations. Shippers of radioactive materials in regulatory jurisdictions outside the USA must ensure full compliance with all current and applicable transport regulations. Listed are the regulations that should be referenced for the legal transport of radioactive materials:

- International Atomic Energy Agency requirements No. TS-R-1 (2009 Edition) and SSR-6 (2012 & 2018) 'Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Materials' and the IAEA 'Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources' - IAEACODEOC/2004.
- International Air Transport Association, 'Dangerous Goods Regulations'.
- International Civil Aviation Organization, 'Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air'.
- International Maritime Organization, 'International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code'.
- U.S. Department of Transportation, Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 171 through 178.
- U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 20, 34, 37 & 71.
- Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, Nuclear Safety and Control Act, 'Packaging and Transport of Nuclear Substances Regulations'; 'Nuclear Substances and Radiation Devices Regulations'.
- Transport Canada, 'Transport of Dangerous Goods Regulations'.
- Transport in the United Kingdom: Refer to the regulations as listed on the ADR approval Certificate.

3.1 Transport Package Requirements

As a shipper of radioactive material, you must perform a pre-shipment inspection to verify conformance to the Type B(U)-96 certification (or Type A approval as applicable) for each individual shipment of radioactive material. This verification assures the package's integrity is not compromised, which may cause a reduction of safety while in the transport system.

Visually inspect the transport package:

- Ensure all markings are legible and labels are securely fastened to the container.
- Inspect the container for signs of significant degradation. Ensure that the housing integrity is secure and does not have any significant dents, cracks or any significant rust on the cover (lid).
- Visually assure all welded areas are not cracked. If there is any evidence of cracked weld, contact QSA Global, Inc. prior to shipment.
- Examine the cover lid and the 650L's top and bottom flanges to ensure they are intact, oriented properly and have no severe deformation.
- Assure all hardware is present and secured. Assure safety wires are present and intact as noted on the drawings referenced in the Type A approval or Type B(U) certificate as applicable.
- Assure the locking assemblies allow free movement of the lock slide when performing an operational test and that the plunger lock engages and is functional. Assure the shipping caps install and secure over the source tubes on the lock assemblies.
- Assure threaded holes used to secure the protective lid to the container body do not have damaged threads and engage the shipping cover bolts.
- Wipe test the transport package over an area of 300 cm² and assure the level of removable contamination is less than 0.00001 $\mu\text{Ci}/\text{cm}^2$.
- Examine hardware for signs of fatigue cracking. If identified, do not ship. Contact QSA Global, Inc. for guidance.

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- Assure the seal wire is properly installed as specified in the referenced drawings/specifications prior to transport.

If the package fails any of the inspections described, remove the container from use until it can be brought into compliance with the Type B (U) certificate or the Type A approval as appropriate. Contact QSA Global, Inc. for additional assistance.

3.2 Receipt of Radioactive Material

- a. A radioactive material package must be accepted from the carrier at the time it is delivered. [10CFR20.1906(a)(1)]
- b. If a radioactive material package is to be held at the carrier's terminal for pickup, arrangements must be made to receive notification from the carrier of the arrival of the package at the time of arrival. The package must be picked up expeditiously upon receipt of notification (within three hours if practicable). [10CFR20.1906(c)]
- c. Monitoring as described below must be performed as soon as practicable but at least within three hours if received during normal working hours or within three hours of the next work day if received after normal working hours. [10CFR20.1906]

- Upon receipt of a package of radioactive material, the package shall be placed in a restricted area. Assure appropriate personnel are notified.
- Survey the entire exterior surface of the package at the time of receipt and assure that the maximum radiation level does not exceed 2 mSv/hr (200 mRem/hr). Survey all sides of the device at 1 m from the exterior surfaces of the packages and assure that the maximum radiation level does not exceed 0.1 mSv/hr (10 mRem/hr). If either of these limits are exceeded, notify the Radiation Safety Officer immediately.
- Record the maximum radiation levels measured at the package surface and at 1 m from the package surface on the Receiving Report. [10CFR20.1906(d), 10CFR71.47]

Note: If any of these limits are exceeded, the Radiation Safety Officer must immediately notify the USNRC (or applicable governing agency) and the final delivering carrier.

- d. Inspect the package for any evidence of physical damage. Record the results of this inspection on the Receiving Report. Also record on the Receiving Report the date, source model number, source serial number, radionuclide, activity, the individuals name making the record, transport package model number, mass or activity of the depleted uranium and the package serial number. [10CFR34.63]
- e. Assure that the package is locked or place the package into an outer locked container and secure the package in accordance with your license requirements. [10CFR34.35, 10CFR34.23]
- f. Keep a copy of the Operating Manual for the package on file to assure you have the proper opening and handling instructions. Assure that the instructions are followed and any noted special precautions are performed. [10CFR20.1906(e)]

Note: For licensees transporting special form sources in licensee owned or operated vehicles to and from a work site are exempt from the contamination monitoring requirements. The radiation survey required upon receipt must still be performed. [10CFR20.1906(f)]

- g. If you are receiving a nationally tracked source (Category 1 or 2 quantities) from another licensee, complete the report: USNRC form 748 and submit the report by the close of the next business day after the transaction. [10 CFR 20.2207 and Appendix E]. Some regulatory jurisdictions require reporting of depleted Uranium shielding of the transport container in addition to the radioactive materials. Verify current national regulatory and security requirements to ensure compliance.

3.3 Shipment of Radioactive Material

- a. Prior to shipment of a Type B package within the USA, assure that you are a registered user of the radioactive material package you wish to ship. Also, assure that you have appropriate quality assurance procedures for Type B packages. [10CFR71.12, 10CFR34.31(b)]

- b. Pre-shipment training requirements:

Prior to shipping hazardous materials, personnel must be trained in accordance with 49CFR172, Subpart H and be retrained every three years. Training shall include:

- General awareness/familiarization training.
- Function specific training.
- Safety training, providing:
 - Emergency response information.
 - Measures to protect employees from potential hazards associated with hazardous material to which employees may be exposed in the workplace, both radioactive and chemical hazards.
 - Employer safety measures implemented to protect employees.
 - Methods and procedures for accident avoidance, i.e. proper procedures for handling hazardous material packages.
 - OSHA or EPA training, MSDS information.
- Transportation security training for organizations that are required to have a security plan. Haz-Mat employees must be trained in the security plan and its implementation including awareness of security risks and how to recognize and respond to security threats. [49CFR172.800, 10CFR30, IAEA CODEOC/2004]
- If shipments involve use of a Declaration of Dangerous Good form, all personnel involved with the shipment must be trained in IATA/ICAO/IAEA requirements every two years.

An appropriate test must be administered and the following documentation must be kept:

- Employee name.
- Date of most recent training.
- Description, copy or location of the training methods.
- Name of person performing training.
- Certification that person has been trained and tested.

Documentation should be kept in one file, i.e. all radiation safety related training used as part of the Hazmat training should be included.

- c. Prior to shipment maintain copies on file of the most current Type B(U) and Special Form certifications (or Type A approval as applicable) and assure the package and its contents meet the following requirements:




- The radioactive contents and form are authorized for use in the package.
- The package is in good physical condition for transport.
- All locks and outlet port fittings are properly installed and seal wired where required.
- All conditions of the Type B(U)-96 Certificate of Compliance (or Type A approval as appropriate) are met [10CFR71.87].

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- d. Assure that the source is secured in the proper shielded position in the shipping package as described in this operations manual. Perform a pre-shipment inspection as described in Section 3.1 under the Transport Package requirements and verify the package is assembled as described in the Type B(U) certification (or Type A approval as applicable).
- e. Attach a security seal as specified on the descriptive assembly drawings with an identification mark to the package closure that serves as a tamper indicator. [49CFR173.412(a)]
- f. If the shipping package is to be packaged inside a crate or other outer packaging, the outer packaging must be strong enough to withstand the normal conditions of transport and must not reduce the safety of the package. The shipping package must be placed within the outer package with sufficient blocking to prevent shifting during transportation. [49CFR173.25]
- g. Survey the entire exterior surfaces of the package and assure that the maximum radiation level does not exceed 2 mSv/hr (200 mRem/hr). Survey 1 m from all sides of the exterior surfaces of the package and assure that the maximum radiation level does not exceed 0.1 mSv/hr (10 mRem/hr). Determine the proper shipping labels to be applied to the package using the criteria of Table 3. [49CFR172.403]

Note: If shipping the container inside an overpack or convenience box in the back of a vehicle, survey and label both the inner 650L package and the overpack. Placarding the vehicle is dependent on the category of label applied to the overpack if used. [49CFR173.448]

Table 3

	Maximum Radiation Level at Surface	Maximum Radiation Level at 1 Meter
Radioactive White I 	0.5 mRem/hr (0.005 mSv/hr)	None
Radioactive Yellow II 	50 mRem/hr (0.5 mSv/hr)	1.0 mRem/hr (0.01 mSv/hr)
Radioactive Yellow III 	200 mRem/hr (2 mSv/hr)	10 mRem/hr (0.1 mSv/hr)

For a package, both the transport index (TI) and the surface radiation level conditions shall be taken into account in determining which is the appropriate category of radioactive material label. Where the TI satisfies the condition for one category but the surface radiation level satisfies the condition for a different category, the package shall be assigned to the higher category of the two. For this purpose, category White-I shall be regarded as the lowest category.

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The TI is the maximum radiation level measured in mRem/hr at a distance of 1 m from the external surfaces of the package. When recording the TI, the dose rate units of mRem/hr are not listed, for example a reading of 20 μ Sv/hr (2 mem/hr) would indicate a TI = 2.0. (Note that the TI is rounded to the nearest tenth value.)

- h. Properly complete two shipping labels indicating the contents (e.g. Ir-192, Se-75, etc.), the activity of the source (in Becquerels or multiples of Becquerels, e.g. GigaBecquerels (GBq)) and the transport index. The transport index is used only on Yellow II and Yellow III labels and is defined as the maximum radiation level in mRem/hr at 1m from the package surface (see Table 3). [49CFR172.403(g)]
- i. Assure that any old shipping labels have been removed from the package. Apply two properly completed labels to two opposite sides of the package (excluding the bottom surface). [49CFR172.403(f)]
- j. For air shipments within the USA, the package must be labeled with '**Cargo aircraft only**' labels. Ensure that these labels do not cover any other package markings or labels. [49CFR172.448 & 173.448(f)].
- k. Mark the outside of the package with the proper shipping name and identification number (e.g., 'Radioactive Material, Type B(U) Package, UN2916' for a Type B(U) shipment or 'Radioactive Material, Type A Package, Special Form, UN3332' for a Type A shipment) if not already marked. Place the letters RQ (stands for Reportable Quantity) next to the proper shipping name when shipping more than 10 Ci (370 GBq) of Ir-192, Se-75, Yb-169, Co-60 or 1 Ci (37 GBq) of Cs-137. [49CFR172.300]

Description	Proper Shipping Name
Type B(U) package containing a special form source	Radioactive Material, Type B(U) Package UN 2916
Type A package containing a special form source	Radioactive Material, Type A Package Special Form UN 3332
Type A package containing a non-special form source	Radioactive Material, Type A Package UN 2915

- l. If the shipping package is inside a crate or other outer packaging, mark the outside package with '**RQ**' (if applicable), the '**UN Identification Number**', followed by the '**proper shipping name**'. The word '**OVERPACK**' must be marked on the outside package. The required markings must be in letters a minimum of ½ inch (13 mm) high. [49CFR172.310; 49CFR173.471; 49CFR173.25]

Note: If shipping a Type A quantity of an isotope in a Type B (U) package that is not approved for that isotope, i.e. a sealed source assembly with a milliCurie quantity of Co-60 in a Type B (U) source changer, the Type B (U) container labels must be covered with the appropriate Type A container information.

- m. Assure that the levels of removable radioactive contamination on the outside surface of the 650L, and the outer package if used, do not exceed 0.37Bq (10^{-5} μ Ci) per cm². [49CFR173.443]
- n. If the package gross weight exceeds 110 lb (50 kg), mark the outside of the package with the gross weight. [IATA 10.7.1.3.1]
- o. Properly complete the shipping papers indicating:
 - 1 Proper shipping name, Class Number '7', United Nations identification number (e.g. 'Radioactive Material, Type B(U) Package, Class 7, UN2916' for a Type B(U) shipment or 'Radioactive Material, Type A Package, Special Form, UN3332' for a Type A shipment).
 - 2 The letters RQ must appear before or after the proper shipping name when shipping more than 10 Ci (370 GBq) of Ir-192, Se-75, Yb-169, Co-60 or 1 Ci (37 GBq) of Cs-137.

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- 3 Name of the radionuclide (e.g., Iridium-192, Selenium-75, Cobalt-60, Cesium-137).
- 4 Physical and chemical form (i.e. Special Form).
- 5 Activity of the source in Becquerels or other appropriate multiples of Becquerels on the DOT label and the shipping papers. Note: number of Curies x 37 = number of GigaBecquerels (GBq).
- 6 Category of label applied (i.e. Radioactive Yellow II).
- 7 Transport Index.
- 8 USNRC identification number (i.e. USA/9269/B(U)-96) (or DOT Type A Specification 7A for a Type A shipment).
- 9 For export shipments, the IAEA identification number (i.e. USA/9269/B(U)-96).
For Canadian export shipments only: include the Canadian Endorsement Number (CDN/E175/-96) for a source activities greater than an A1 value in a Type B(U) package or as Type A as applicable.
- 10 Shipper's certification: **'This is to certify that the above-named materials are properly classified, described, packaged, marked and labeled, and are in proper condition for transportation according to the applicable regulations of the Department of Transportation.'** [49 CFR 172.204(a)(1)].

NOTE: For shipments in company vehicles to and from job sites within the USA, the shipper's certification is not required.

- 11 The shipping papers must indicate your company's emergency telephone number. The telephone number must have 24-hour coverage in case of an emergency concerning your shipment. The telephone number must be clearly visible on the shipping paper and must be answered by a person that can provide immediate emergency response information. Beepers and pagers are not acceptable. [49CFR172.604].
- p. For air shipments, the shipping papers must meet the requirements specified in IATA for a Shipper's Declaration for Dangerous Goods. In addition to the information listed in Step 3.3(o) of this part, the following information needs to be specified:
- 1 Air waybill number: Enter the number of the air waybill to which the declaration form will be attached. (This may be amended by the carrier.)
 - 2 Aircraft limitations: Specify that the shipment is within the limitations for 'Cargo aircraft only.' A notation can be added in the handling information box of the Shipper's Declaration which states 'This shipment may be carried on passenger aircraft outside U.S. jurisdiction'.
 - 3 Airport of departure: Enter the full name of the airport of city of departure, which may be amended by the carrier.
 - 4 Airport of destination: Enter the full name of the airport or city of destination, which may be amended by the carrier.
 - 5 Shipment type: Specify the shipment type as 'Radioactive'.
 - 6 Under quantity and type of dangerous goods, specify the number of packages (of same type and content), their type of package and activity in Becquerels or multiples thereof (units used must be clearly indicated) in each package, including packages in overpacks.
 - 7 (If relevant) Indication of use of overpack and dimensions of the overpack (including dimensional units). When an overpack is used, the wording **'Overpack used'** must be inserted on the declaration form immediately after all the relevant entries relating to the packages within the overpack. In such cases, packages within overpacks must be listed first. Dimension units must be in sub-multiples of meters.

- q. The 24-hour emergency number required by Step 3.3(o)(11) of this part, must appear in the 'Additional Handling Information' section of the Declaration for Dangerous Goods.

For air shipments within the USA, the following statement must be included:
"This shipment is within the limitations prescribed for cargo aircraft only."

- r. For shipment of special form radioactive material, the Special Form Certificate of Competent Authority for the radioactive source must be included. (e.g. USA/0335/S-96). For shipment of Type

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B(U) packages also include the certificate of Competent Authority (e.g. USA/9269/B(U)-96).

- s. The shipper's certification must be as follows:

'I hereby certify that the contents of this consignment are fully and accurately described above by the proper shipping name, and are classified, packaged, marked and labeled/placarded, and are in all respects in proper condition for transport according to applicable International and National governmental regulations. I declare that all of the applicable air transport requirements have been met.'

The information on the Declaration for Dangerous Goods must be entered strictly in accordance with the order specified in the latest edition of the International Air Transport Association, Dangerous Goods Regulations. Questions regarding completion of a Shipper's Declaration for Dangerous Goods should be directed to the Radiation Safety Officer.

If you are shipping a nationally tracked source (Category 1 or 2 quantities) to another licensed recipient, complete the report: USNRC form 748 and submit the report by the close of the next business day after the transaction. [10CFR20.2207 and Appendix E, IAEA CODEOC/2004]. Some regulatory jurisdictions require reporting of depleted Uranium (DU) shielding of the transport container in addition to the radioactive materials. Verify current national regulatory and security requirements to ensure compliance.

3.4 Shipment of Empty Uranium Shielded Containers

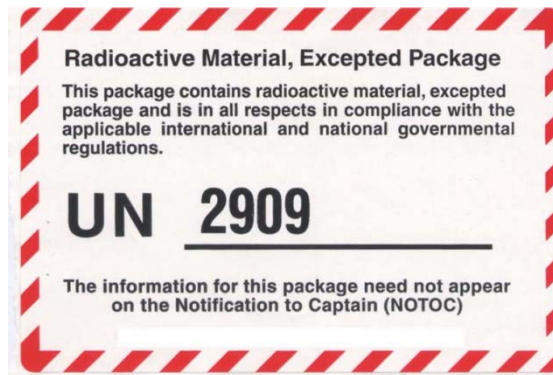
- a. Assure that the package does not contain a radioactive source.
- b. If the shipping package is to be placed inside a crate or other outer packaging, the outer packaging must be strong enough to withstand the normal conditions of transport and must not reduce the safety of the package. The shipping package must be placed within the outer package with sufficient blocking to prevent shifting during transportation. [49CFR173.25].
- c. Assure that the levels of removable radioactive contamination on the outside surface of the outer package does not exceed 0.4 Bq (10^{-5} μ Ci) per cm^2 based on wiping an area of at least 300 cm^2 . [49CFR173.443].
- d. Survey the package at the surface and at one meter from the surface to determine the proper shipping labels to be applied to the package.

Note: If the surface radiation level does not exceed 5 μ Sv/hr (0.5 mRem/hr) and there is no measurable radiation level at 1m from the surface, continue with the instructions in Step 3.4(e) below and skip Step 3.4(f). If either of these levels are exceeded, skip Step 3.4(e) and continue with the instructions in Step 3.4(f).

- e. If the surface radiation level does not exceed 5 μ Sv/hr (0.5 mRem/hr) and there is no measurable radiation level at one meter from the surface, no label is required.
 - 1 The outside of the inner packaging or, if there is no inner packaging, the outside of the packaging itself bears the marking 'Radioactive'.
 - 2 The outside of the package must be marked with UN2909.
 - 3 When shipping by air, excepted packages are exempt from the requirement for use of Dangerous Goods Declaration.
 - i. For air shipments [IATA 10.8.8.3], the 'Quantity and Type of Dangerous Goods' box must read:

“Radioactive Material, excepted package, articles manufactured from depleted uranium, UN2909.”

- ii. Required after 1 January 2007, the outside of the package must include the following label [IATA 10.7.4.4.3]:



- f. If the surface radiation level exceeds 5 $\mu\text{Sv/hr}$ (0.5 mRem/hr), or if there is a measurable radiation level at 1m from the surface, use the criteria of Table 3 to determine the proper shipping labels to be applied to the package.
 - 1 Mark the outside of the outer shipping package with the proper shipping name and identification number: **Radioactive Material, Low Specific Activity (LSA-I) UN2912, Class 7**. If the container is packaged inside a crate or other outer packaging, mark the outer package with the word **'Overpack'**.
 - 2 Properly complete the shipping papers, indicating:
 - Proper shipping name, identification number and class (i.e. Radioactive Material, Low Specific Activity (LSA-I), Class 7, UN2912).
 - Name of the radionuclide (i.e. depleted Uranium-238).
 - Physical and chemical form (i.e. Solid Metal).
 - Activity of the uranium in Becquerels or other appropriate multiples of Becquerels.

NOTE: Number of Curies x 37,000 = number of MegaBecquerels (MBq). The activity in millicuries for U-238 equals 0.16 x the shield weight in pounds (i.e. for a 650L with a 44 lb shield, the approximate activity is 0.16 x 44 lb = 7.17 mCi (265 MBq)).

- Category of label applied (i.e. Radioactive Yellow II).
- Transport Index.
- USNRC identification number or USDOT specification number, i.e. 650L cert: USA/9269/B(U)-96.
- Shipper's certification:

'This is to certify that the above-named materials are properly classified, described, packaged, marked and labeled and are in proper condition for transport according to the applicable regulations of the Department of Transportation.' [49CFR172.204(a)]

Note: For shipments in company vehicles to and from job sites, the shipper's certification is not required.

For air shipments, the following Shipper's Certification may be used:

'I hereby certify that the contents of this consignment are fully and accurately described above by proper shipping name and are classified, packaged, marked and labeled/placarded, and are in all respects in proper condition for transport according to applicable International and national governmental regulations. I declare that all of the applicable air transport requirements have been met'

- For air shipments, the package must be labeled with a **'Cargo aircraft only'** label and the shipping papers must state: **'This shipment is within the limitations prescribed for cargo only aircraft'**.
 - Your company's 24-hour emergency telephone number.
 - The weight of the package including the unit of measurement of the hazardous material covered by the description (e.g. 100 lb. Note: For air shipments, the weight must be in multiples of kilograms.)
- 3 For air shipments, the shipping papers must meet the requirements specified in IATA for a Shipper's Declaration for Dangerous Goods. In addition to the information listed in this Section, the following information needs to be specified:

- Air waybill number: Enter the number of the air waybill to which the declaration form will be attached. (This may be amended by the carrier.)
- Aircraft limitations: Specify that the shipment is within the limitations for **'Cargo aircraft only.'** A notation can be added in the handling information box of the Shipper's Declaration, which states **'This shipment may be carried on passenger aircraft outside U.S. jurisdiction'**.
- Airport of departure: Enter the full name of the airport or city of departure, which may be amended by the carrier.
- Airport of destination: Enter the full name of the airport or city of destination, which may be amended by the carrier.
- Specify contents (isotope) on the USDOT hazard labels as LSA-I.
- Shipment Type: Specify the shipment type as **'Radioactive'**.
- Under Quantity and Type of Dangerous Goods, specify the number of packages (of same type and content), their type of packaging and activity in Becquerels or multiples thereof (units used must be clearly indicated) in each package, including packages in overpacks that are labeled as LSA-I.

(If relevant) Indication of use of overpack and dimensions of the overpack (including dimensional units). When an overpack is used, the wording **'Overpack'** must be inserted on the declaration form immediately after all the relevant entries relating to the packages within the overpack. In such cases, packages within overpacks must be listed first. Dimension units must be in sub-multiples of meters.

- The 24-hour emergency number required in this Section, must appear in the **'Additional Handling Information'** section of the Declaration for Dangerous Goods.

The information on the Declaration for Dangerous Goods must be entered strictly in accordance with the order specified in the latest edition of the International Air Transport Association, Dangerous Goods Regulations. Questions regarding completion of a Shipper's Declaration for Dangerous Goods should be directed to the Radiation Safety Officer [49 CFR 172.402(b); 49 CFR 172.204(c)].

3.5 Carriage of Radioactive Material

- a. Assure that the vehicle used is in good condition and carries the normal complement of safety

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equipment including Radiation Area signs, a length of rope, spare tire, fire extinguisher, a set of vehicle tools and a set of flares. Assure that the glove compartment contains the vehicle registration certification and an operating flashlight. Additionally, assure that the operator has a calibrated and operable survey meter and assure that all individuals traveling in the vehicle are wearing both a film badge and a direct reading pocket dosimeter.

- b. Assure that the transport package is properly packaged, marked and labeled and assure that the proper shipping papers are completed in accordance with the instructions for shipping radioactive material. The shipping papers must be accessible from the driver's seat.
- c. Place the transport package in the vehicle. Properly brace and secure the package against movement in the vehicle. [49CFR177.842(d)]
- d. Survey the driver's compartment to assure that the radiation level does not exceed 0.02 mSv/hr (2 mRem/hr). [49CFR177.842(g)] Note: This requirement is mandatory only for exclusive use shipments by a common carrier. [49CFR173.441(b)(4)]
- e. If the vehicle is transporting a package bearing a Radioactive Yellow III label, the vehicle must be placarded on all four sides with a Radioactive placard.

Note: Operation of a vehicle which is required to be placarded requires compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations of 49CFR Parts 390-397 and the Driver Training requirements of 49CFR177.827; 49CFR177.804.

- f. Complete the Radioactive Material Transport Checklist (see attached example). Forward a completed copy to the Radiation Safety Officer upon completion of the carriage.
- g. If the vehicle becomes disabled on the road, do not leave the vehicle unguarded when going for help. A message for help may be sent by a passing motorist or the police may be enlisted to guard the vehicle.
- h. Should any kind of accident occur, make an immediate radiation survey to determine if any radiation levels are unusually high. If unusual radiation levels exist, establish the boundary of the restricted area. Keep all persons out of this area and get police assistance, if possible. Notify the Radiation Safety Officer as soon as possible, but do not leave the scene without assuring that the police or some other responsible party will keep people out of the area.
- i. Collect information pertinent to the accident, such as names of witnesses, names of people involved, and names of police, license numbers and circumstances of the accident. Call the Radiation Safety Officer promptly and give him as much information as possible.
- j. If a source should escape from the packaging, the vehicle operator should make no attempt to restore the source by himself. He should wait for assistance from the Radiation Safety Officer.
- k. If the vehicle is going to be used for storage of radioactive material at a temporary job site:
 - The vehicle's storage access entrance must be posted with 'Caution Radioactive Material' signs.
 - The vehicle must be secured/locked so that there is no unauthorized access.
 - Radiation levels must be below 20 μ Sv/hr (2 mR/hr) outside the vehicle to meet unrestricted area requirements.
 - Vehicle must meet new security requirements where applicable.

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l. In the event of a transport emergency or accident involving this package, follow the guidance contained in the latest edition of the DOT Emergency Response Guidebook: A Guidebook for First Responders During the Initial Phase of a Dangerous Goods/Hazardous Materials Incident, or equivalent guidance documentation.

m. Security during transport in company vehicles:

Whenever portable and mobile radiographic exposure devices are removed from the permanent facility's approved storage area and placed into the transportation system, company trustworthy and reliable (T&R) employees that have been Haz-Mat trained will perform the following security duties during transport of radioactive materials:

- After the radioactive material package is prepared in accordance to current transport regulations, the package must be secured and locked in the designated area of the transport vehicle. The door to the storage area of the vehicle is closed locked to prevent unauthorized access to the darkroom during transport from the facility to the job-site. Shipping or receiving radioactive materials shall be accomplished in a designated area of the permanent facility.
- While containing radioactive material packages, the vehicle is also a temporary storage area (whenever the package is not under continuous, direct surveillance by a T&R employee). The package must be locked in the vehicle as described above and the driver / passenger doors of the vehicle are to be locked. The alarm system and the transport vehicle disabling devices are activated.
- Whenever the transport vehicle is stopped for refueling, coffee stops, etc. the ignition keys are removed from the vehicle. If the T&R employee(s) leave the vehicle unattended, the vehicle must be completely locked and alarmed as described above.
- During transport to and from job-sites, T&R employees informed to:
 - Minimize the number of vehicle stops for fueling, beverages, meals, etc to minimize exposure to security risks.
 - Do not engage in any conversation with strangers concerning vehicle contents or job-site destinations.
 - Be aware of their surroundings and the people during stops, a car-jacking usually takes place at traffic lights.
 - Know what action is required under the security plan by the T&R employee if a car on the highway is following them, photographing their truck, if the truck is disabled on a highway, if the truck was involved in an accident and cannot be driven away.
 - Know what immediate response is required by a T&R employee if the vehicle is stolen or the radioactive material package is lost or stolen.
 - Have the ability to communicate immediately with the Trustworthy and Reliable Official (TRO) should they need assistance or have a security related question.
 - Know to report immediately to the TRO if an unauthorized party attempts to steal or gain access to the radioactive material being transported.
 - Know what actions are required if the vehicle's alarm is triggered while parked, indicating an attempted intrusion.
 - Know that all T&R employees are to safeguard all transport security documents and information regarding shipments of RAM from unauthorized disclosure.
 - Know that whenever the radioactive materials are removed from the transport vehicle at the job-site, the radioactive material must be under continuous, direct surveillance by the T&R employees until it is returned to the designated area of the transport vehicle.
 - Know the purpose and reason for the increased security requirements of the USNRC, USDOT and Department of Homeland Security agencies.

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T&R employees returning from job-sites will unload the radioactive material from the transport vehicle. They will secure the radioactive material in the facility's designated storage area and activate the storage area's security alarm system.

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Suggested Radioactive Material Transport Checklist:

Date _____ Operator _____

Destination _____

Transport container model _____ Serial number _____

Radionuclide _____ Activity _____

Type of label applied _____ Transport index _____

Survey meter model _____ Serial number _____

Calibration date _____ Film badge _____

Dosimeter serial number _____ Initial reading _____

Final reading _____

Radiation area signs _____ Packing list _____

Rope _____ Bill of lading _____

Radioactive material sign _____ Emergency equipment _____

Radiation survey _____ Driver's compartment _____ mRem/hr or μ Sv/hr

(Record highest reading) Vehicle (45.72 cm or 18 in from surface) _____ mRem/hr or μ Sv/hr

Packages properly marked and labeled (including transport index) _____

Packages secured in vehicle _____ Vehicle placarded _____

Shipping papers properly completed

Remarks: _____

Operator's signature

4. DEFINITIONS & TERMS.

Area alarm

An area radiation level monitor that provides a highly visual warning when the radiation level exceeds a pre-set threshold. Commonly referred to as Gammalarms, use is required by most jurisdictions in permanent radiographic installations and they are often used in conjunction with door interlocks and audible alarms. Portable area alarms are required by some jurisdictions for radiography performed at temporary job-sites.

Alarm ratemeter

An alarm worn by radiography personnel that provides a continuous audible warning when the alarm ratemeter detects a radiation level in excess of a pre-set threshold of 5 mSv/hr (500 mR/hr). This redundant safety alarm is required by regulation for temporary job-site radiography within the USA.

Apparatus for industrial gamma radiography

Apparatus including an exposure device, a source assembly as applicable, a remote control, a projection sheath, an exposure head and accessories designed to enable radiation emitted by a sealed radioactive source to be used for industrial gamma radiography purposes. Also known as: isotope radiography system, isotope radiography kit.

Automatic securing mechanism

An automatically activated mechanism located on the radiographic exposure device designed to restrict the source assembly in the secured position.

Beam limiter

A shielding device for confining the elements of a beam of radiation to an assigned solid angle. Beam limiters are generally manufactured from lead, tungsten and depleted Uranium and are pre-positioned over/on the radiation source's working position. Also known as: collimators.

Control crank

A control cable cranking device that is a component of the remote controls. The control crank is used at a distance by the radiography personnel to move the radiation source to and from the device, through projection sheaths to and from the exposure position. Manual control crank mechanisms are commonly used, but automatic exposure controllers are available which can be operated from a greater distance and allows preset timing and automatic expose and retract modes. Also known as: wind-outs, crank-outs and hand-cranks.

Control cable

A cable or other mechanical means used to project and retract the source assembly out from and into the radiographic exposure device by means of remote control. The control cable includes the means of attachment to the source holder. Also known as: remote control cable, drive cable, Teleflex™ cable.

Control cable sheath

Rigid or flexible tube for guiding the control cable from the remote to the radiographic exposure device and providing physical protection to the control cable. The control cable sheath includes the necessary connections for attachment to the radiographic exposure device and to the remote control. Also known as: control cable housing, conduit.

Exposure device (container)

Radiographic exposure devices are used to remotely project the radiation source to a predetermined exposure position when required and to securely maintain it and shield it when it is not in use. Current equipment requirements require devices be designed and tested to ISO/ANSI standards and pertinent transportation regulations for transport containers. Also known as: projector, gamma ray projector (G.R.P.), camera, pill-box, source-box, exposure container.

Exposure head

Device which locates the sealed source included in the source assembly, in the selected working position and prevents the source assembly from projecting out of the projection sheath. Also known as: source stop, end stop, snout and head-hose.

Locked position

Describes the condition when the lock on a radiographic exposure device or transport container is fully engaged to lock the source assembly in place and the key is removed from the lock. This condition prevents unauthorized personnel access to the sealed source assembly locked within the device.

Maximum rating

The maximum activity expressed in Becquerels and Curies that cannot be exceeded, of a sealed source specified by radionuclide by the manufacturer when contained within a radiographic exposure device or a transport container.

Plunger lock

A mechanical device with a key used to lock or unlock the radiographic exposure device or transport container.

Projection sheath

A flexible or rigid tube for guiding the source assembly from the radiographic exposure device to the working position, having the necessary connections for attachment to the radiographic exposure device and the exposure head or including the exposure head itself. The projection sheaths also provide protection of the source assembly and attached control cable from water, dirt, sand and other foreign materials usually present at radiography environments. Also known as: source guide tubes, guide tubes, source tubes, head-hoses. Examples of rigid projection sheaths include j-tubes, probes, jet engine probes.

Remote control

The mechanical device that enables the source assembly to and from a working position by operation from a distance away from the radiographic exposure device. The remote control includes the control crank mechanism (normally a hand-crank), and where applicable, also the control cable, the control cable sheath and the necessary connections and attachments. See additional description under 'control crank'.

Reserve sheath

Remote control sheath (conduit) containing the length of control cable, necessary for the projection of the source assembly.

Sealed source

Radioactive source sealed in a capsule or having a bonded cover, the capsule or cover being strong enough to prevent contact with and dispersion of the radioactive material under the conditions of use and wear for which it was designed. Commonly referred to as: the 'source' or the 'pill'.

Secured position (shielded position)

Condition of the radiographic exposure device and source assembly, when the sealed source is fully shielded and restricted to this position within the radiographic exposure device.

Note: When in the secured position during radiographic operations, the radiographic exposure device may be unlocked.

Simulated source

A sealed source whose structure is such as that of the sealed radioactive source, but not containing any radioactive material. Also known as: mock source, dummy source, phantom source, dummy pill.

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Source assembly

A source holder with a sealed source attached or included. In cases where the sealed source is directly attached to the control cable without the use of a source holder, the source assembly is the control cable with the sealed source attached. In cases where the sealed source is not attached to the control cable nor included within the source holder, the sealed source is the source assembly.

In the case where a simulated source is attached to or included with a source holder or control cable, this becomes a simulated source assembly.

Flexible type source assemblies are also known as 'pigtailed'. The source assembly is most commonly referred to as the 'source'.

Rigid or chain link type source assemblies are also known as: source rods, source pencils, source trains, source chains.

Source holder

A holder or attachment device, by means of which a sealed source or simulated source can be:

- directly included in the radiographic exposure device (category I apparatus - an exposure device in which the source assembly is not removed for exposure).
- fitted at the end of the control cable (category II apparatus - an exposure device from which the source assembly is projected out through a projection sheath to the exposure head for exposure. The exposure is remotely operated.)

Source holders may be an integral part of the source assembly or may be capable of being dismantled for sealed source replacement.

Source changers

A lockable Type A or Type B transport container used to transport new sealed source assemblies, exchange them and return depleted sealed source assemblies to the manufacturer. Source changers are also utilized for storage of sealed source assemblies. Also known as: source exchangers, storage containers.

Working position

Condition of the exposure container and source assembly when in the position intended for the Performance of industrial gamma radiography.

5. EMERGENCIES & PERSONNEL SAFETY.

5.1 Emergencies

During the termination of a radiographic exposure, observation of the survey meter provides an indication of source movement while cranking the remote control handle. After retracting the sealed source into the exposure device, radiographers are required to perform a confirmatory survey of the exposure device, the projection sheaths and beam limiter when used. Performing a confirmatory survey after a radiographic exposure is required by regulation and is the only method that the radiographer should rely on to determine if a source assembly is in the fully shielded position within the exposure device. If the radiographer measures any radiation level that indicates the sealed source is not fully shielded while performing the confirmatory survey, the radiographer must first recognize that problem exists and then follow his company's emergency procedures. Emergency conditions are those problems in which the source assembly cannot be returned to the shielded position by normal means, specifically the remote control crank mechanism. The majority of problems experienced by radiographers are where the source assembly becomes disconnected or when the source assembly becomes jammed in the projection sheath while in an exposed position. The important safety points for radiographers to follow are:

- Always perform a confirmatory survey after each exposure.
- If higher than expected radiation levels are measured, recognize that an emergency exists.
- Follow emergency procedures.
- Do not attempt to retrieve the sealed source. Secure the area and notify the Radiation Safety Officer.

The radiography crew is limited to the following basic steps that must be adhered to under regulations in the USA (verify national regulations for controlled and supervised areas) :

- 1 Immediately leave the area and maintain continuous surveillance of high radiation area.
- 2 Adjust the restricted area boundary to ensure the measured dose/rate is < 2 mR/hr. Do not allow anyone into the area.
- 3 Immediately notify the Radiation Safety Officer.
- 4 Do not leave the area unattended under any circumstances. Maintain security of the area until the Radiation Safety Officer arrives at the site.

Do not under any circumstances attempt to retrieve the source. Performing source retrieval is a licensed activity that allows only specially trained RSOs to respond to an emergency. This regulatory requirement is the result of overexposures to radiographers attempting to handle emergency retrievals by themselves.



WARNING



An unshielded source must not be picked up or handled at close range under any circumstances. An unshielded source at close range can cause serious injury or death to anyone who is exposed to it, even for a short duration of time.

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5.2 Training

Formal classroom training in radiation safety, supervised hands-on training and certification by an independent certifying organization of radiographers are essential components for radiological safety in isotope radiography and is a regulatory requirement in the United States and Canada.

QSA Global, Inc. provides radiation safety, inspection & maintenance and retrieval training at the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Houston, Texas and Burlington, Massachusetts facilities. On-site training is available by arrangement.

5.3 Access to Restricted Areas

The site where radiography is performed must be separated from other work areas by as much distance as possible. If applicable, check for occupation of the areas above and below the radiography site.

Clearly defined boundaries must be set up and warning signs displayed to provide warning and prevent access to the radiography site by unauthorized personnel before any exposure begins.

No one should enter the boundary marking a 'Restricted Area' or 'Controlled Area' without a film badge or TLD, direct reading pocket dosimeter (or electronic pocket dosimeter) and alarm ratemeter (if required).

A pocket 'chirper' alarm is required in some countries to provide radiography personnel with an immediate audible warning of a high radiation intensity.

5.4 United States Regulations

'High Radiation Area' signs must be posted where a dose of 1 mSv (100 mRem) could be received in any one hour. The radiographers must provide continuous direct surveillance of the area or when a permanent installation is used, the entrance must be equipped with door interlocks, audible and visual warnings.

'Radiation Area' signs must be posted where dose of 50 μ Sv (5 mRem) could be received in any one hour.

'Restricted Area' must be identified and posted where a dose of 20 μ Sv (2 mRem) could be received in any one hour or 1 mSv (100 mRem) in one year.

In practice, the 'Radiation Area' and 'Restricted Area' are combined and identified by the use of a rope barrier. The area is posted with the 'Radiation Area' signs where the maximum dose will not exceed 20 μ Sv (2 mR) in any one hour or 1 mSv (100 mRem) in a year. The practice of using the 'Radiation Area' sign at the 'Restricted Area' boundary clearly defines why the area has been restricted. Additionally, the trefoil (radiation) symbol provides a visual warning for those individuals who cannot read.

During a radiographic exposure, a calibrated and operable survey meter must be used to confirm the dose rate at the 'Restricted Area' boundary and adjusted if the dose rate exceeds the limit of 20 μ Sv (2 mRem) in one hour.

During the radiographic exposure, the radiographers must maintain continuous direct surveillance of the 'High Radiation Area' in addition to ensuring that no one enters their posted 'Restricted Area'.

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5.5 EU Regulations

A 'Controlled Area' must be marked with a barrier at a distance where the radiation intensity will not exceed 7.5 $\mu\text{Sv/hr}$ (0.75 mR/hr). The boundary dose rates must be noted and the record kept for 2 years. During radiographic operations, only classified radiation workers are allowed inside this area.

A 'Supervised Area' is defined as the area where the boundary dose rate limit must not exceed 2.5 $\mu\text{Sv/hr}$ (0.25 mR/hr). No barriers or notices are required here, but the radiographer must be vigilant to ensure that personnel in this area do not enter the 'Controlled Area'.

5.6 Personnel Monitoring

All personnel who enter a 'Restricted' or 'Controlled' area or are present during radiographic operations are required to wear the appropriate personnel monitoring devices as required by the regulatory jurisdiction. These devices can include; film badges; thermoluminescent dosimeters (TLD); optically stimulated luminescence badges; direct reading pocket dosimeters; electronic pocket dosimeters; alarm ratemeters; and audible alarms. Calibrated and operable survey meters must be used to determine radiation levels when conducting radiographic operations.

6. DISPOSAL.

By international regulations, radioactive materials that are no longer required must be transferred to a licensed recipient for final disposition. Radioactive source assemblies that have depleted beyond their useful working life may be returned to authorized recipients using a source changer authorized for the specific model source assembly.

Authorized recipients will provide any specific conditions to the shipper as required by regulatory authorities. As a minimum, sources that are transferred for a final disposition must be within a current leak test and properly secured within an authorized package before shipment.

Damaged, cropped, modified or contaminated source assemblies may require special handling and special transport containers. Notify the authorized recipient for specific instructions in these circumstances.

Depleted Uranium (DU) shielded exposure devices that are removed from service due to severe damage, worn through 'S' tubes or decommissioning reasons must be sent to a licensed recipient for final disposition. If the Type B or Type A transport status of a damaged exposure device is impaired, the exposure device must be transported without radioactive source assemblies. DU shielded exposure devices sent for final disposition must be properly packaged, surveyed, marked and labeled before placement into the transportation system.

Contact QSA Global, Inc. for assistance in the transfer of DU shielded exposure device for final disposition.

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