


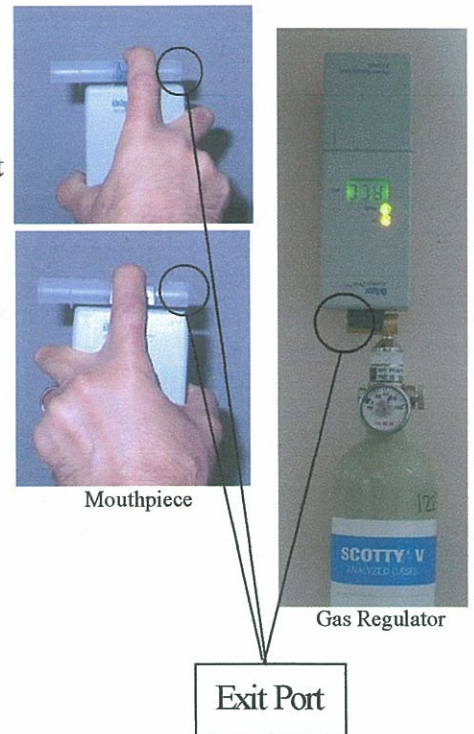
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| <p>California Department of Justice DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT Rick Oules, Director</p>  | <h1 style="margin: 0;">INFORMATION BULLETIN</h1> | |
| <p><i>Subject:</i> Training Update of Subject Testing Procedures When Using the Evidential Portable Alcohol System (Epas), Alcotest 7410 Plus.</p> | <p><i>No.</i> 06-BFS-01</p> <p><i>Date:</i> March 1, 2006</p> | <p><i>Contact for information:</i> Bureau of Forensic Services Phone : (916) 319-9365</p> |

TO: Chiefs of Police, Sheriffs, California Highway Patrol, and District Attorneys

The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to advise you of a training update and a reminder of safe practices when using the Evidential Portable Alcohol System (Epas).

Training Update:

Operators should not block the exit port (the end) of the mouthpiece when conducting breath tests. Blocking the exit port of the mouthpiece can affect the readings of a subject's breath alcohol concentration and exposes the operator to potential health risks. Operators should not block the exit port (the end) of the gas regulator. Blocking the exit port of the gas regulator during accuracy determinations will also affect readings. Operators should be prepared to explain proper testing procedures as part of court testimony.



Mouthpiece



Subject End

Exit Port

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Exit Port

Sanitary Practices During Administration of Breath Alcohol Tests:

Persons administering breath alcohol tests should recognize the possibility of acquiring or transmitting infectious diseases as a result of handling mouthpieces, and exposure to exhaled air.

- a. Use a new mouthpiece for each subject breath test. The plastic bag should be opened at the end opposite the portion the subject will put in their mouth. Avoid touching the portion of the mouthpiece the subject will be using when inserting the mouthpiece on the Alcotest 7410 plus. Save the plastic bag for use later.
- b. Hold the instrument with mouthpiece attached as depicted above while the subject is providing a breath sample. A finger on top of the mouthpiece ensures a secure fit in mouthpiece holder. **Do not block the exit port of the mouthpiece.**
- c. At the completion of a satisfactory breath test, use the plastic bag that contained the mouthpiece as a protective barrier to remove and discard the mouthpiece.

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Agency Requirements:

Please pass this information to the EPAS operators within your agency.

Should you have additional questions, please contact your DOJ Regional Laboratory, or Christopher Lee at (916) 227-5609.

Sincerely,

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