

OREC™ Catalytic Destruct Unit: Description



0500 with Catalytic Destruct Unit

The OREC™ Ozone Catalytic Destruct Units (CDUs) are designed for the OREC™ 0500 - 0900 series Ozone Chambers. The ozone that is discharged from the test chamber is “catalyzed” ... turning it back into oxygen, eliminating the need for complicated and costly external ducting. The CDUs are completely integral, self-contained units.

Utilizing a proprietary metal oxide catalyst, the CDU is able to achieve over 99% destruct efficiency for concentrations of up to 250 PPHM. Comparatively, alternative technologies that employ activated carbon, which chemically reacts with the ozone, generates carbon dioxide and small amounts of carbon monoxide.

Another disadvantage of this process is that it consumes the activated carbon. Unlike activated carbon, which requires frequent replacement, the OREC™ CDU Catalyst is not rapidly diminished by ozone.

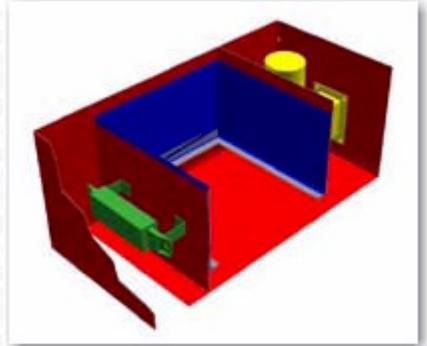
Additionally, the destruction of ozone in the OREC™ CDU takes approximately 20% of the time required by activated carbon technologies.

The Catalytic Destruct Unit is constructed of high-grade stainless steel. It rests on 4 highly ozone resistant elastomeric supports which ensures stability and reduces the effects of vibration.

The CDU is coated with an industrial epoxy based finish which is color matched to the OREC™ Chambers. A stainless steel mesh screen covers the exhaust port preventing entry of foreign material. The CDU is internally sealed for maximum efficiency.

The illustration shows a cut-away view of the Catalytic Destruct Unit. The primary structural pieces are shown in red, while green represents the heater and heater support brackets.

The metal oxide catalyst is contained within the blue structure and yellow identifies the blower. The ozone laden air enters through the opening in the bottom just below the heater.



Cut-Away View of the CDU

OREC™ Catalytic Destruct Unit: Operation

Ozone laden air enters the process through an opening on the bottom of the unit. The blower intakes fresh air at a rate approximately 5 times of the chamber exhaust volume, generating a low pressure area above the chamber exhaust port. The fresh air / ozonated exhaust mixture is then passed through a heating chamber to reduce ambient moisture, dramatically increasing catalyst efficiency.

The heated fresh air / ozonated air mixture is routed downward through a filtration system, preventing airborne particulates from entering the process, then drawn through the catalytic chamber. It is at this point that the ozone is catalyzed.

The de-ozonated air then enters the blower and is finally exhausted into the atmosphere. Flow rate, flow direction, chamber configuration, and catalytic chamber volume have all been carefully designed and tested to provide maximum residence time, thus high efficiency. The “S” shaped flow pattern reduces the overall size of the CDU, making it the most compact available at the efficiency level.



Ozone Control Standards

Current EPA 1-Hour Standard:	0.12 PPM
Proposed EPA 8-Hour Standard:	0.08 PPM
OSHA 8-Hour Standard:	0.10 PPM

Health Affects of Ozone

Perceivable Through Smell	0.03 PPM
Probability of Headaches	0.10 PPM
Lung Function Impairment	0.16 – 0.20 PPM
Reduced Physical Strength	0.24 – 0.70 PPM
Inflammatory Reaction of Tissue	0.80 PPM
Chromosome Damage Begins After 6 - 10 Hours	1.00 PPM

OREC™ Catalytic Destruct Unit: Specifications

Full Operation Range:	0-250 PPHM
Efficiency:	> 99%
Air Flow:	750 CFM
Heater Energy:	250 Watt
Catalyst Life:	18 – 24 Months
Catalyst Volume:	0.5 Ft ³
Catalyst Mass:	12.5 kg (27.6 lb)
Total Unit Weight:	27.2 kg (60 lb)
Dimensions (WxDxH):	610 x 350 x 290 mm (24 x 13¾ x 11¼ in.)
Power Requirements:	115 VAC, 60 Hz, 1 P
Warranty:	1 Year Parts/Workmanship

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