

Confined Space Entry & Tunnel Safety – Appendix 5: Confined Space Multi-Gas Detector Calibration

MULTI-GAS DETECTOR USE & CALIBRATION

The MSA Altair 4X Multi-gas Detector must calibrate prior to entering a confined space. Employees using confined space equipment will record the calibration in the log book.

Calibration of the MSA Altair 4X Multi-gas Detector

1. Turn the **MSA Altair 4X** on in normal reading mode. Do this by pressing and holding the center button. There will be a loud 95+ dB audible '**BEEP-BEEP!**'
2. Once the **MSA Altair 4X** is in normal reading mode, you need to send it into calibration mode. Do this by pressing and holding right "UP" button until it beeps at you and the screen asks you to zero the monitor (refresh on the **MSA Altair 4X**).
3. Now that the screen is asking for confirmation, press the center button once to confirm. This will send the monitor into zeroing mode. Now is a good time to set the monitor down, and check your calibration gas, regulator, and calibration adapter.
4. **Initial set-up.** Open the valve on your regulator **before** attaching it to the gas cylinder. Now screw it in to your calibration gas cylinder. Close the regulator once you hear gas coming out of it. This is the signal to know your regulator is good to close. Continue screwing in the regulator until it stops. Do not overturn it.
5. Attach the tubing to the hose barb on your regulator. Make sure the tubing is also connected to the Galaxy™ docking station.
6. Wait for the screen to come up asking for you to apply calibration gas. Once this screen comes up, press the center button again to confirm. Place the gas detector in the Galaxy cradle, and close the door. Once it is clipped on, turn on your gas.
7. Make sure your calibration gas values on the screen match what is on your calibration gas cylinder! Verify the gas display is the same as on the table.
8. Once the calibration procedure is completed, turn your gas off and remove the **MSA Altair 4X**. The screen will go back to normal reading mode within a few seconds.
9. The **MSA Altair 4X** Multi-Gas Detector is officially calibrated. Make sure to record these readings on the unit-specific calibration log!

'Bump-Test' – DAILY before each entry or use.

1. Turn the **MSA Altair 4X** on in normal reading mode. Do this by pressing and holding the center button. There will be a loud 95+ dB audible '**BEEP-BEEP!**'
2. Press the **[V]** button to display 'BUMP TEST'
3. Place the multi-gas detector UPSIDE-DOWN and BACKWARDS into the cradle of the Galaxy docking station. Close the lid until the cover 'SNAPS' closed.
4. After the BUMP TEST completes, the instrument momentarily displays "BUMP PASS" or "BUMP ERROR" along with the label of any sensor that failed before returning to Measure mode. Two tries are allowed to "BUMP PASS". If the detector fails the bump test, remove from use and contact EH&S.
5. The check ✓ symbol will be displayed for 24-hours after a successful BUMP TEST. Make sure to record these readings in the unit-specific calibration log.

