

The Breath Tester Bulletin

Lifeloc's newsletter features a variety of content specific to the drug and alcohol testing industry including the latest DOT updates, special equipment trade-in offers, upcoming events, recertification requirements, technical tips and much more!

DOT Report:Drug Testing CCF Dates

Are you aware of the extended dates for using the 2017 Federal Custody and Control Form (CCF)?

SAMHSA requested approval for continued use of the 2017 CCF due to the current materials shortage. OMB granted an extension for using this version through August 31, 2023 without a MFR. Read more about the stipulations regarding this extension.



DOT Notice

Lifeloc Spotlight: Dry Gas Shortages

Like many companies, Lifeloc has been impacted by the various supply chain issues causing product shortages. Unfortunately, the common dry tank concentrations and sizes such as the 34L .040 standard are hard to come by in large quantity which has resulted in back orders. We recommend placing supply orders, especially dry gas, well in advanced to avoid running out of day to day supplies if a delay occurs.

Did you know that you can also purchase your supplies through your local Lifeloc distributor? Contact them directly to discuss the details!



Knowledge Check: Equipment End of Life

Why does it happen?



PX6.0 IR (infrared) End of Life: 12/31/2017

Upgrade Today!

Lifeloc continually strives to provide the highest quality and most efficient equipment possible while also keeping price point in mind. As new technology emerges, the old technology becomes difficult to service. Unfortunately certain parts become impossible to manufacture and the only option is to move into the latest technology available. This has many benefits to the end user but can also be a burden on those who were not financially prepared for upgrade costs. Thankfully in most situations, Lifeloc has been able to provide ample notice to any equipment end of life that is expected and often times provide a trade-in credit. This process first starts with the end of equipment sales, followed by the end of equipment service several years later. As these devices reach end of life, they are still listed on the Conforming Products List of Evidential Breath Measurement Devices (CPL), which is available on the Department of Transportation website, and the devices are eventually removed from the list and no longer complaint for use in DOT evidential testing.

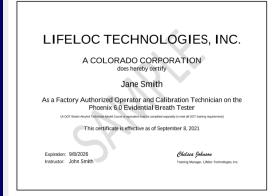
Are you using an obsolete EBT model?

The most recent equipment end of life that Lifeloc users experienced was the Phoenix 6.0 IR (infrared) EBT in 2017. This device has been



PX Classic End of Life: 12/31/2015

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replaced by the Phoenix 6.0BT (Bluetooth) EBT which provides all of the same features as the infrared version but has the capability to print from up to 33 feet away to a more rugged printer and to add on a wireless keyboard for data entry. The original infrared technology became obsolete and the sales of these devices ceased on 12/30/2012. The device is still listed on the Conforming Products List, however if the user has any issues with the device Lifeloc does not have the ability to repair the device or printer. It is recommended to be proactive and upgrade the device to the latest version prior to the final end of life date in order to prevent any technical problems during testing. Having a device that cannot be repaired cannot only cause problems during a regular day of testing, but can also cause long term delays in the facilities ability to provide services while they approve purchase of a new device and wait for shipping and any conversion training that may be required.

How does this affect certification?

It is important to remember that in order to calibrate an EBT, the BAT must also be calibration certified on that specific device. When upgrading equipment, be sure to check if a conversion training will be necessary. In the case of the PX6.0, it is a seamless transition between the IR and BT versions. There is no additional training needed for calibration.

Not CLOCT certified? Even if you were not CLOCT certified at the time of your BAT certification, you can add it on at any time. This allows you to calibrate your EBT in accordance with the device's QAP and DOT regulations.

Could your facility benefit from having an instructor on staff to provide conversion training for your employees? Provisional Instructor certification allows one employee of the organization to train all other employees as BATs and CLOCT on the Lifeloc EBT, which can provide a huge time and cost savings.

Need a local Distributor / Master Trainer? Lifeloc has a network of experienced substance abuse training professionals conveniently located throughout the US and Canada who also sell Lifeloc equipment and supplies.

Contact us for more information today!



EASYCAL® Automatic Calibration Station

Are you looking to reduce errors and save time while calibrating?

Are you interested in lowering your dry gas usage?

Learn more about EASYCAL Automatic Calibration Station



Follow your QAP!

Have you read your EBT's Quality Assurance Plan (QAP)?

Are you familiar with your EBT's maintenance requirements and when to remove it from service?

View PX6.0 QAP

View EV30 QAP

Did you know?

Lifeloc and our network of Certified Master Trainers offer various live training programs including:

Breath Alcohol Technician
Calibration & Operator (CLOCT)
Train the Trainer
Urine Specimen Collector
Reasonable Suspicion for Supervisors

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Lifeloc makes the world safer from alcohol and drug abuse by delivering superior products, services and value to our customers.