KEY LEAK DETECTION FACTS

LEAK RATE UNITS

1 atms cc / sec = One cubic centimetre of gas,

at atmospheric pressure,

every second

Leak Types

Gross = 1 atms cc / sec

Medium = 0.01 atms cc / sec or $1x10^{-2}$

Micro = 0.000001 atms cc / sec or 1×10^{-6}

Molecular = 0.00000001 atms cc / sec or $1x10^{-8}$

Summary of Detectable Leak Rates

PRESSURE DROP / RISE 1x10⁻² cc/sec

Shelf life for 33cl can 1 hour

LIGHT DETECTION TEST 1x10⁻³ cc/sec

Shelf life for 33cl can 10 hrs

BUBBLE TESTING 1x10⁻⁵ cc/sec

Shelf life for 33cl can 6 weeks

DYE PENETRATION 1x10⁻⁶ cc/sec

HELIUM MASS SPECTROMETER 1x10⁻⁶ cc/sec

Shelf life for 33cl can 15 months