

**Estabrook EZY CHEK Systems
(originally listed as Horner EZY CHEK)**

EZY 3 Locator Plus

NON-VOLUMETRIC TANK TIGHTNESS TEST METHOD (VACUUM)

- Certification:** Leak rate of 0.1 gph with $P_D = 100\%$ and $P_{FA} = 1.6\%$.
- Leak Threshold:** A tank system should not be declared tight when the acoustic signal detected is different from the baseline signal before a vacuum is placed on the tank, or when water ingress is detected by the water sensor.
- Applicability:** Gasoline, diesel, aviation fuel, fuel oil #4, waste oil.
Other liquids may be tested after consultation with the manufacturer.
- Tank Capacity:** Maximum of 30,000 gallons. Ullage volume must exceed the greater of 1% of tank volume or 50 gallons.
Maximum of 30,000 gallons per tank for manifolded tank systems with microphone, water sensor and pressure monitoring gauges in each tank.
- Waiting Time:** None between delivery and testing.
- Test Period:** When groundwater level in tank excavation backfill is below bottom of tank: A few minutes to determine background noise and about 2 minutes to run the test after desired vacuum is reached.
When groundwater level in tank excavation backfill is above bottom of tank: The time it takes for water ingress to increase the water level in the tank to allow the water sensor to detect the "minimum detectable change in water level" (see "Water Sensor" section below). Test period based on water ingress is dependent on tank size. For example, the test period is 36 minutes for a 10,000 gallon (96" dia x324" lg) tank.
Before starting test, water sensor must be calibrated to "minimum detectable water level" (see "Water Sensor" section below) according to manufacturer's instructions.
There must be no dispensing or delivery during test.
- Test Pressure:** Pressure differential across tank wall at bottom of tank must be at least 0.5 psig.
Pressure differential across tank wall is equal to the absolute value of vacuum applied to tank, plus pressure of tank excavation backfill on tank, plus groundwater pressure on tank, minus pressure of liquid in tank.
- Temperature:** Acoustic signal is independent of product temperature.
- Water Sensor:** Conductivity water sensor must be used to detect water ingress and must be calibrated for every test when groundwater level in tank excavation backfill is above bottom of tank.
Minimum detectable water level is 0.014 inch.
Minimum detectable change in water level is 0.0095 inch.
Minimum water level in tank must be adjusted to at least 0.014 inch (sensor's minimum detectable water level) before calibrating sensor and starting test.
- Groundwater:** If groundwater level in tank excavation backfill is above bottom of tank, water sensor must be used and test time extended to ensure water ingress detection during test.
Groundwater level in tank excavation backfill must be determined by observation well or soil probe in tank excavation backfill.
- Comments:** Microphone was 25 ft away from leak source during evaluation.
Although not tested on empty tanks, a third-party acoustics specialist has certified the device is equally effective when tanks are empty as when tanks contain product.
Test may be inconclusive if there is high background noise.
Vacuum test method may not be effective in some tank excavation backfill (such as clay) because it may plug holes in tank.
If free product is present in tank excavation backfill, a leak in the free product zone may not be detected by a vacuum test method.
An observation well or soil probe in tank excavation backfill may help determine backfill material, water level in tank excavation backfill, and free product.
Manufacturer must certify operator at least every 2 years.
More than 4 psi pressure differential across the tank wall at any location in the tank could damage tank.

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