#### **Q-FOG Tester Training**

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We hope you found our live video demonstration webinar on **Q-FOG Tester Operation** to be helpful and insightful. The link below will give you access to the slides and recorded webinar.

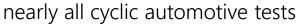
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#### **Q-FOG Principles of Operation**

## **Q-FOG testers**

Q-FOG cyclic corrosion testers deliver heat, humidity, and electrolyte solution to specimens to perform traditional salt spray, Prohesion, and







# Q-FOG models



Q-FOG SSP
Continuous salt spray
and Prohesion

Q-FOG CCT SSP capability plus full humidity

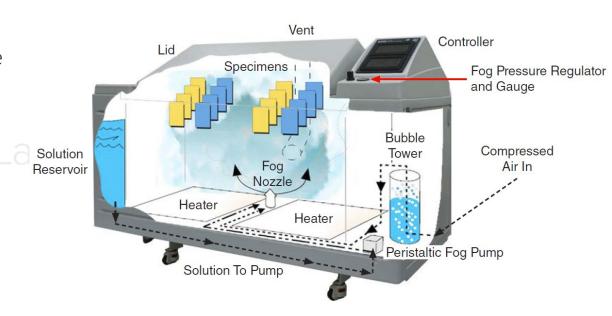


Q-FOG CRH
CCT capability plus
full Relative Humidity control

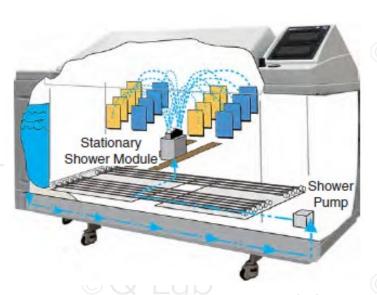


#### **FOG Function**

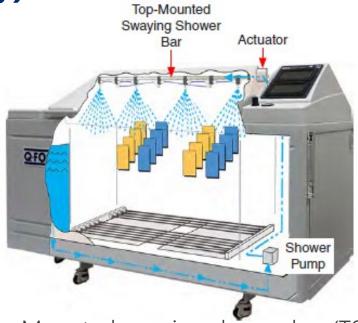
- Salt or other solution type is pumped to an atomizing nozzle
- Compressed air combines with solution at nozzle to create a fine mist
- Compressed air is usually humidified through the saturation/bubble tower
- Chamber lid diffuses spray



**Shower Function (CRH Only)** 



Stationary shower module



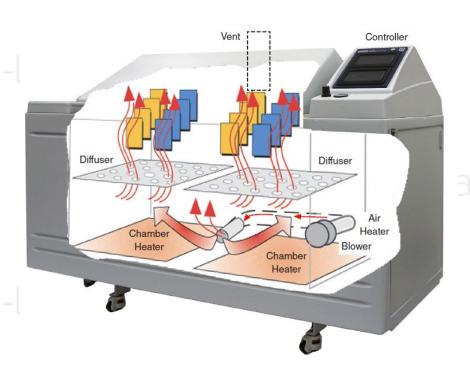
Top-Mounted swaying shower bar (TSSB)

Faster application of salt solution



### **DRY Function (SSP, CCT)**

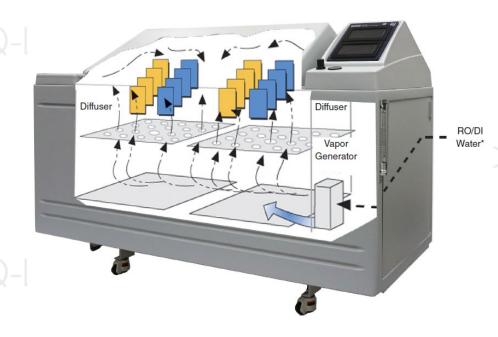
- Room air blown into the chamber, circulated over samples, and sent out of an exhaust
- Air can be heated for higher temperatures and faster drying
- Q-FOG CRH model uses a low-RH step instead of Dry





#### **HUMID Function (CCT)**

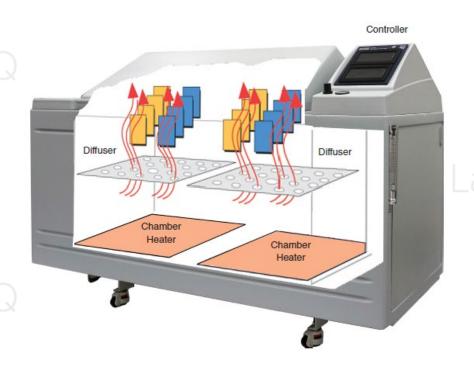
- Humidity added by boiling water
- Temperature controlled by increasing the heating duration in the boiler
- Humidity level is NOT controlled, but will be >95% after a short transition period
- Some test methods substitute water immersion for saturated humidity
- Q-FOG CRH model uses a high-RH step instead of Humid



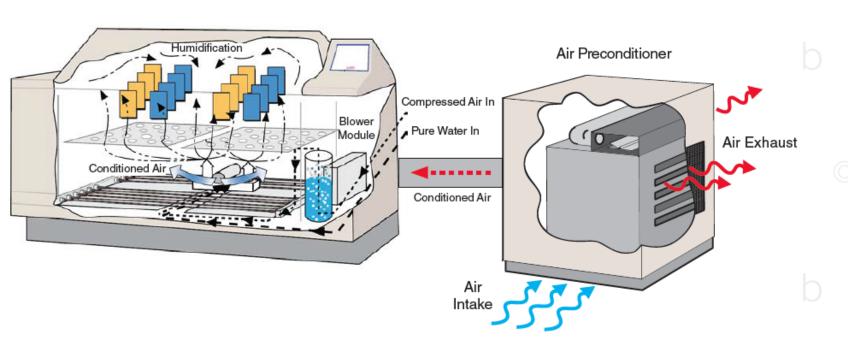


# **DWELL Function (SSP, CCT)**

- Designed to allow slow drying of specimens
- No air flow
- Temperature can be ambient or higher



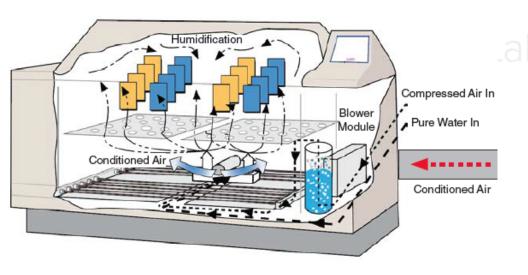
#### **RH Function (CRH Only)**



Replaces DRY, HUMID and DWELL steps of CCT tester



#### **RH Function (CRH Only)**



- Dry air supplied by Air Preconditioner
- Humid air supplied by two fog nozzles fed by DI water and compressed air
- Measured by Wet Bulb/Dry Bulb
- Air Control Module controls mixing
- Time to reach setpoint controlled by operator
  - Auto, Linear, and Less Than ramp types

Replaces DRY, HUMID and DWELL steps of CCT tester



# **Purge Chamber**

Automatic Purge: 1 hour post-test

- When End of Test Shutdown is reached OR
- When operator presses STOP





## **Specimen Mounting**



Panels (SSP, CCT)



Panels (CRH)



# **Specimen Mounting**



Hanging Rods



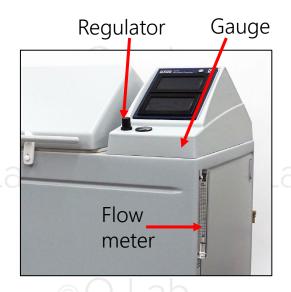
Grates



# Fog Adjustments



Solution Pump Speed 30-40%



Fog Spray Air pressure 12-16 psi



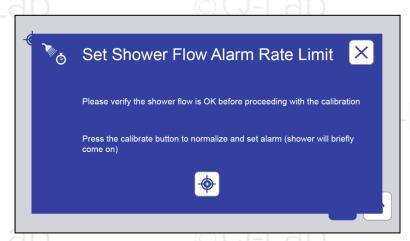
Fog Nozzle adjustment



#### **Shower Adjustments**



Shower Pressure
Set to 30-80 psi (see tech manual)



#### **Shower Settings**

Set alarm rate in Calibrate menu Set shower on/off times in Machine Configuration



#### **Calibration Schedule**

- Temperature Sensors
  - Calibrate Chamber Temp Sensor every 6 months
  - Calibrate wet/dry bulb sensors in CRH at same time
- Collections
  - Measured every 3 months to annually (more if running ASTM B117/ISO 9227)
  - External collections available
- Solution Flow Meter
  - Not calibrated; Only for indicating if solution is flowing



# Maintenance Every 1000 Hours

- Replace Solution Pump Tubing
- Drain and Refill Bubble Tower
- Clean Solution Filter and Water Inlet Filter
- Remove Salt Buildup on Chamber Heaters
- Drain and Refill Vapor Generator (CCT)
- Replace Wet Bulb Wick (CRH) and check water quality
- Clean or Replace Purge Air Blower (SSP/CCT) & Preconditioner Air Filters (CRH)
- Check Compressed Air Water Separator/Filter System
- Check Fog Spray Nozzle Pattern, clean if necessary



Thank you for your time.

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