

CLEAN AIR

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What should be the initial canister weight?

Approximately 195 grams.

When should I change the canister?

When the change in weight reaches or exceeds 50 grams.

How long will it take to reach the 50 gram change in weight?

Approximately 12-15 hours of surgical time. However, this is dependent on the size of patient and percentage of halogenated gas used. Larger patients kept at a higher percentage and higher flow rate will accelerate weight gain, while smaller patients at a lower percentage and flow rate would have a more modest weight gain.

Do you have any suggestions on how best to monitor weight change?

For the average practice, weigh the canister when first attaching to the machine and record the weight in the surgical log. Then weigh it again every week thereafter. For a more active surgical practice simply increase the frequency.

My canister has gained very little weight in two weeks of use?

Check your machine for leaks. There is a high likelihood that your machine has a leak. If gas does not make it to the canister, it will not gain weight.